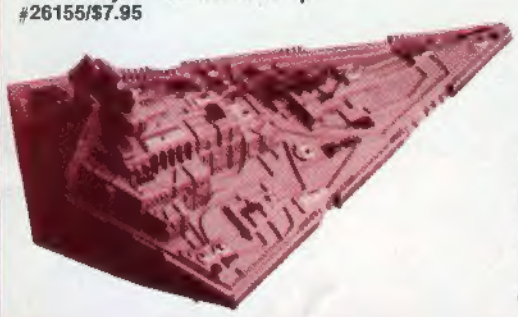

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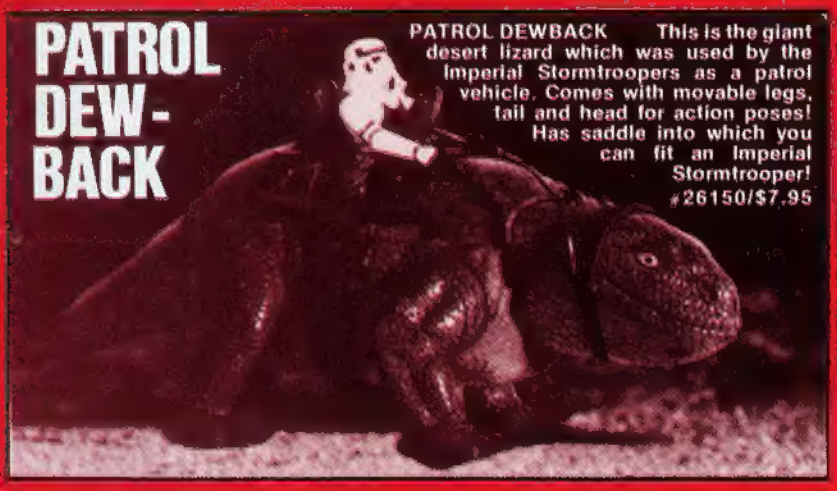
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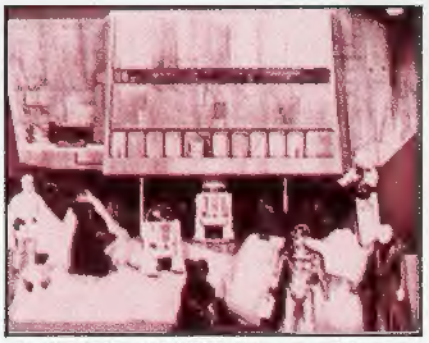
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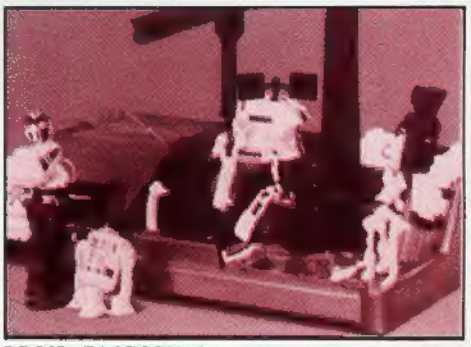
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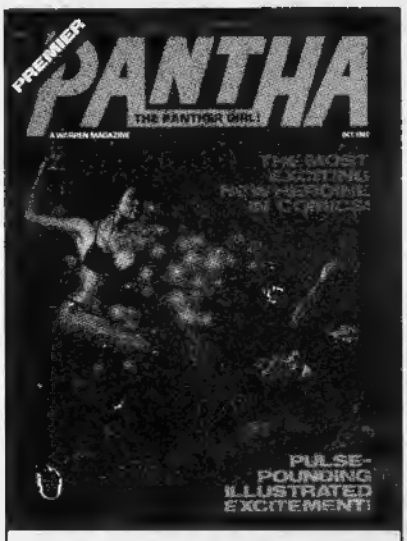


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She came slithering into town cool and slinky. The men looked, leered and pawed at her. Was it just a coincidence, or did the killings begin with her arrival? Oddly, the killings were the work of an enormous cat. She knew that the endless trail of blood stained corpses followed her every move!



FAMILY TIES 14

Panthers have no family ties! Their blood lusting nature requires blood red meat. If it is still pulsing with life, all the better! Susan has no family ties either. She needs the warmth and understanding that a real family would bring. But like a panther, she leaves corpses lying in bloody pools!



BLACK ON WHITE 24

A panther, free, black and deadly races through the world's most fearsome and vicious jungle...New York City! A panther leaps from the steps of a slum tenement, the scene of the mauling death of two aged slum dwellers setting the stage for a violent confrontation with only one survivor!



CHILDHOOD HAUNT 34

The rootless girl, the changling without a past, returns to her orphanage only to discover that it is pervaded with fear and horror. What is it that has destroyed the only home she has ever known? What is it that makes the children cringe in fear and hide in shadows? Why is there blood in the air?



STRAW ON THE WIND 44

There was something more tangible in the wind than a breeze. There was something more cryptic in the air than a mere change of jobs. Deep in the rustling shadows of the deserted Cairo Club, something stirred. And something deep and dormant inside Pantha burst into a snarling madness all its own!

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SHE CERTAINLY CAME PROWLING INTO THE PLACE LIKE SHE WAS SOME KIND OF A SHE-CAT. A WELL-DRESSED, NICE-LOOKER SHE WAS, TURNING THE HEADS OF EVERY MAN IN THE PLACE.

NATURALLY, A LOT OF THE BOYS TRIED TO GET CHUMMY WITH HER. BUT STRANGELY IT WAS NAT DONLON WHO FINALLY MADE THE GRADE. AND NAT WAS A ***MEAN*** ONE... A REAL MEAN ONE.

HE EVEN SLAPPED HER AROUND A BIT, THERE IN THE BAR. AND A COUPLE OF THE BOYS TRIED TO USE THAT AS AN EXCUSE TO CUT IN ON HIM. BUT SHE WOULDN'T HAVE IT...SHE SEEMED TO BE SET ON NAT... EVEN LEFT THE PLACE WITH HIM.

THE OTHERS THAT LIVED THERE IN THAT SAME APARTMENT HOUSE NAT LIVED IN, WERE ***USED*** TO HEARING THE SOUNDS OF A FIGHT COMING FROM HIS ROOM. THEY HEARD SUCH SOUNDS EVERY TIME NAT BROUGHT HOME A WOMAN. SO THAT NIGHT, WHEN THEY HEARD THE SLAPS AND THE ***PLEAS***, THEY PAID THEM LITTLE MIND.

BUT WHEN THOSE PLEAS TURNED INTO GROWLS AND IT WAS NAT WHO WAS DOING ALL THE SCREAMING, HIS NEIGHBORS STARTED TO PAY A BIT OF ATTENTION. THEY MUST HAVE BEEN PLENTY PUZZLED AND ***MORE*** THAN A ***LITTLE*** SCARED.

AND THERE'S ONE THING MORE... A FEW SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE SCREAMING HAD STOPPED, A COUPLE OF PASSERSBY ***SWORE*** THEY ***SAW*** A LARGE, SLEAK, BLACK ***CAT***... A PANTHER... COME LEAPING OUT OF THAT SECOND STORY WINDOW OF NAT'S APARTMENT!



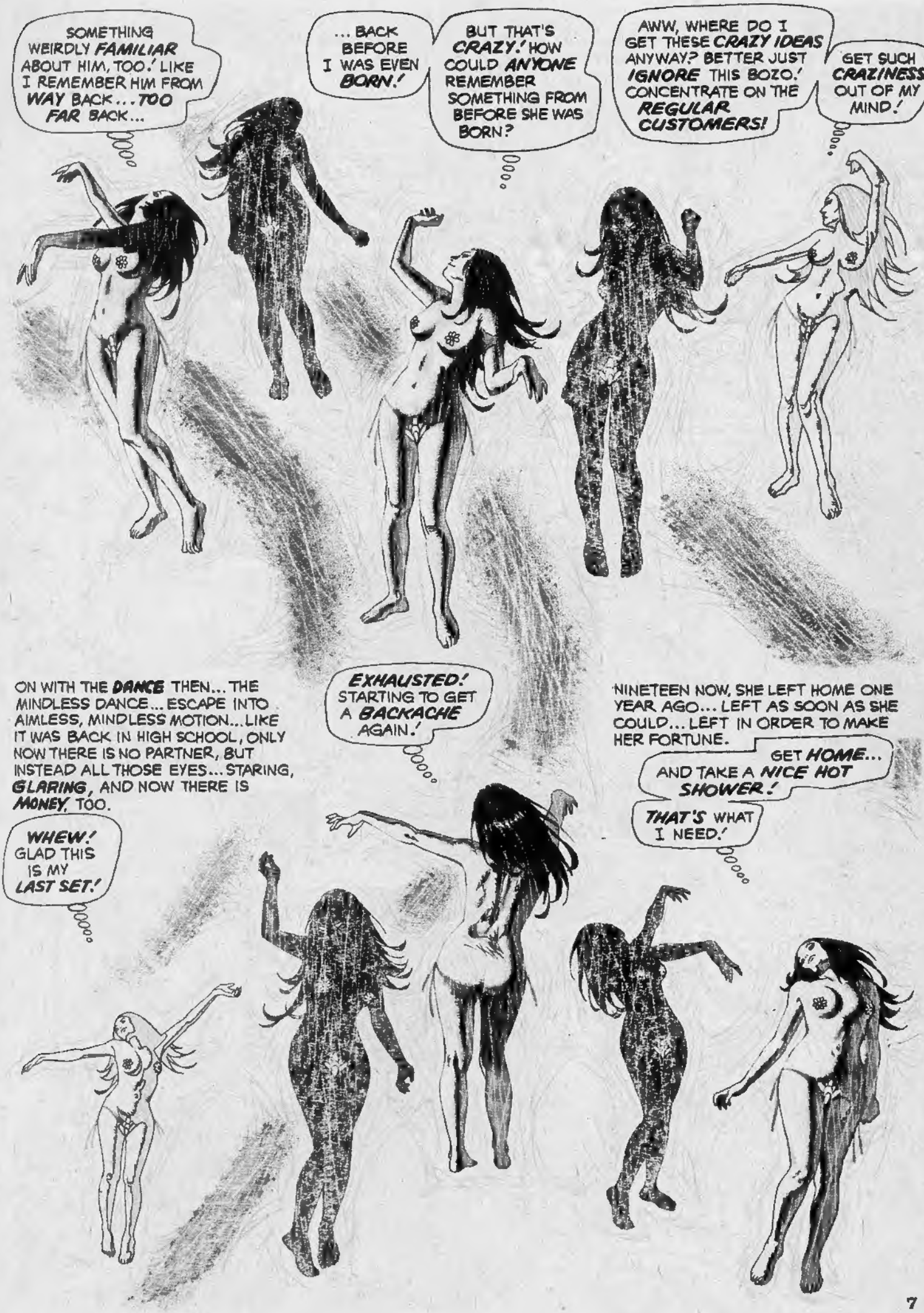
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THE YOUNG...THE OLD...AN AGELESS CURSE...THE PAST...THE PRESENT... SWIRLING ABOUT ONE ANOTHER, AND COMING TOGETHER IN AN EERIE, INEXPLICABLE, UNEARTHLY MANNER.

RE-BIRTH!

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THAT NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE POLICE FINALLY GOT AROUND TO SHOWING UP AT NAT'S PLACE, THEY FOUND NAT ALL TORN UP! HIS THROAT HAD BEEN TORN OUT AND THERE WAS BLOOD ALL OVER THE PLACE. THERE WERE FOOTPRINTS IN THE BLOOD, TOO...THE FOOTPRINTS OF A HUGE CAT!
THE POLICE NEVER SOLVED THE CASE!
I SUPPOSE THEY FIGURED THERE'D BE MORE KILLINGS! BUT THERE WEREN'T! IT WAS LIKE "THE CAT" SIMPLY VANISHED!
AND THAT'S IT?
YEP...
... 'CEPTIN' I WAS THERE IN THE BAR WHEN NAT MET THE GIRL! AND I GOT MYSELF A GOOD LOOK AT HER!
AND YOU SAY THAT ONE OVER THERE LOOKS LIKE HER?
LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HER! ALMOST LIKE IT WAS HER!
YEAH, MAN! BUT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TOOK PLACE SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO! YOUR "CAT-WOMAN" WOULD BE A BIT OLDER THAN THAT PIECE UP THERE!
WELL, THAT'S SURE ENOUGH TRUE! BUT STILL...
DON'T LIKE THE WAY THAT OLD DUDE IS LOOKING AT ME!
NOT THE USUAL BEADY-EYED STARE I GET! THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT!


SOMETHING WEIRDLY FAMILIAR ABOUT HIM, TOO.' LIKE I REMEMBER HIM FROM WAY BACK... TOO FAR BACK...
... BACK BEFORE I WAS EVEN BORN.'
BUT THAT'S CRAZY.' HOW COULD ANYONE REMEMBER SOMETHING FROM BEFORE SHE WAS BORN?
AWW, WHERE DO I GET THESE CRAZY IDEAS ANYWAY? BETTER JUST IGNORE THIS BOZO.' CONCENTRATE ON THE REGULAR CUSTOMERS!
GET SUCH CRAZINESS OUT OF MY MIND.'
ON WITH THE DANCE THEN... THE MINDLESS DANCE... ESCAPE INTO AIMLESS, MINDLESS MOTION... LIKE IT WAS BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL, ONLY NOW THERE IS NO PARTNER, BUT INSTEAD ALL THOSE EYES... STARING, GLARING, AND NOW THERE IS MONEY, TOO.
EXHAUSTED.' STARTING TO GET A BACKACHE AGAIN.'
NINETEEN NOW, SHE LEFT HOME ONE YEAR AGO... LEFT AS SOON AS SHE COULD... LEFT IN ORDER TO MAKE HER FORTUNE.
GET HOME... AND TAKE A NICE HOT SHOWER.'
THAT'S WHAT I NEED.'
WHEW.' GLAD THIS IS MY LAST SET.'


PRESENTLY...
LEAVING SO SOON, SUSAN? WHY NOT STAY AROUND FOR A DRINK ON THE HOUSE?
EXIT
NO WAY! IF I DON'T HEAD STRAIGHT ON HOME, MY OLD MAN'S GONNA START WORRYING!
OH! YOU LIVE WITH YOUR FATHER?
FATHER?
WOW! YOU MAY RUN A SWINGING, CONTEMPORARY PLACE, BOSS. BUT IF YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BY "OLD MAN," YOU'RE CERTAINLY SHOWING YOUR AGE!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT A CAB TO CATCH.
WHERE TO, MISS?
I SAID, WHERE...
HUNH? WHERE'D SHE GO?
HEY! WHAT'S THIS?
A DRESS!
CHRIST! THIS LOOKS LIKE THE DRESS THAT GIRL WAS WEARING!
BUT... BUT...
AND, NOT TOO FAR AWAY...
IT'S LATE! AND I'VE HAD A BIT TOO MUCH TO DRINK!
NICE OF THAT YOUNG MAN TO BUY ME ALL THOSE BEERS!
COULD TELL, THOUGH, THAT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE MY STORY!


IT WAS TRUE, THOUGH! EVERY DAMN WORD OF IT!
I SUPPOSE EVEN STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN THIS CRAZY WORLD! BUT I'VE...
RRRRRR
HUNH? WHAT WAS THAT?
THERE IT GOES AGAIN! JUST A CAT! THAT'S ALL!
NOTHING TO GET UPSET ABOUT! GUESS MY OWN STORY IS MAKING ME JUMPY!
THAT CAT SOUNDED AWFUL LOUD, THOUGH!
WHA...
GOOD GOD! THAT... THAT'S TOO LOUD FOR JUST AN ALLEY CAT!
IT'S A BIG CAT!
...COMING CLOSER!
RRRRRR

HE RUNS...
IT'S HER! THAT GIRL! SHE IS THE ONE! MUST BE!
AFTER ME! SOMEHOW SHE MUST BE AWARE THAT I RECOGNIZED HER!
RRRRRRRRRRRR
...AND RUNS...
RRRRR
RRRRR
MUST FEEL THAT SUCH KNOWLEDGE ON MY PART IS SOMEHOW A THREAT TO HER!
...UNTIL...
OH NO! A BLIND ALLEY!
GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!
RRRRRR


WHA...
RARRRRRRR
NO!
RRRRRRRR
AAAAAAAAAARGHHHH!!


SCENE SWITCH...THE SOUNDS OF VIOLENCE REPLACED BY WORDS OF FRUSTRATION... A WRITER MAKING A VALIANT EFFORT TO WORK LATE INTO THE NIGHT.
DAMMIT! ANOTHER STUPID TYPO! THAT'S THE FIFTH MISTAKE I'VE MADE THIS PAGE!
GOTTA WAKE UP! PROMISED JOE I'D HAVE THIS STORY IN TOMORROW MORNING! AND I'VE STILL GOT FOUR PAGES TO GO!
REALLY ISN'T THAT LATE THOUGH! MAYBE I OUGHT TO HEAD ON DOWN TO THE ALL-NIGHT DINER, AND HAVE SEVENTEEN OR SO CUPS OF COFFEE!
MAYBE THAT'LL KEEP ME GOING LONG ENOUGH TO FINISH THIS STORY!
BUT, AS HE STEPS OUT OF HIS SHABBY, THIRD-FLOOR APARTMENT...
WHA-?
FIRST IMPRESSION... PARANOIA.
OH GOD! THIS IS ALL I NEED!
A NAKED, DEAD BODY LEFT LYING ON MY DOORSTEP!
NO! SHE'S ALIVE!
SEEMS TO BE WAKING UP! SHE'S...
FFFFTTTT!!
HEY!
THERE'S NO NEED TO GET VIOLENT! I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
WH-WHERE AM I?
HOW'D I GET HERE? WHAT HAPPENED TO MY CLOTHES?
THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU!


I JUST STEPPED OUT AND FOUND YOU HERE! AT FIRST, I THOUGHT...
HEY! DON'T JUST STAND THERE STARING AT ME!
HOW ABOUT INVITING ME IN AND GIVING ME SOMETHING TO COVER UP WITH?
HUNH? OH, YEAH.. SURE!
BY THE WAY, MY NAME'S WARREN SAVIN. I'M A FREE-LANCE WR—!
WOW! THIS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A STRANGE DAY! FIRST, I HAD THOSE CRAZY MEMORIES FROM BEFORE I WAS EVEN BORN AND NOW THIS!
IT'S LIKE I'M CRACKING UP OR SOMETHING!
LISTEN... WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I CRASH HERE TONIGHT? IT'S LATE AND I'M REALLY EXHAUSTED! BESIDES, I CAN'T VERY WELL GO TRAVELING AROUND LATE AT NIGHT DRESSED LIKE THIS!
I KNOW MY OLD MAN'S GONNA WORRY, BUT...
YOU COULD CALL HIM!
OH, NO, WE DON'T HAVE A PHONE!
OKAY, OKAY! I'LL SLEEP IN THE CHAIR THEN!
WELL, IS IT ALL RIGHT?
ANYWAY, AS I WAS SAYING...
AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T EVERY DAY THAT SOME NAKED STRANGER DROPS BY AND THROWS ME OUT OF MY BED!
HUNH? OH, YEAH... SURE! THERE'S ONLY THIS ONE MATTRESS, THOUGH! WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF...
NO!
SLEEP COMES HARD THIS NIGHT... BUT FINALLY IT DOES COME... SLEEP ...TROUBLED SLEEP...

... SLEEP FILLED WITH ***HIDEOUS DREAMS!*** HIDEOUS, YET STRANGELY EXCITING, ***EXHILERATING.***

SHE SEES HERSELF AS A CAT... PROWLING, STALKING, ***STRIKING.***

THEN, A GREY ***CLOUD*** DESCENDS... TRYING TO HOLD HER DOWN...

BUT ***NO!*** FREEDOM . THAT IS WHAT IS OF ***UTMOST*** IMPORTANCE NOW... AND SHE STRIKES, CLAWING, RIPPING, TEARING... UNTIL SHE ***HAS*** THAT FREEDOM.

SUDDENLY, SILENCE... THE POWER OF SPEECH IS SUCKED ***OUT*** OF HER... HER EYES WIDENING WITH ***SURPRISE***. WIDENING WITH SHOCK TINGED WITH ***TERROR.***

WOW! THAT WAS A DREAM AND A HALF!

SURE GLAD I DON'T HAVE 'EM LIKE THAT ***EVERY*** NIGHT!

IF I DID, I'D DEFINITELY GO ***STRAIGHT*** OUT OF MY... ***WH-WHA...***



SHE SEES BLOOD... SHE SEES GRIM, *GRISLY DEATH.*

THAT... THAT *DREAM!* IT *WASN'T* JUST A DREAM!

HE... HE MUST HAVE TRIED TO *ATTACK* ME DURING THE NIGHT! AND I... I...

SHE LIFTS HER HANDS AND SEES BLOOD AND PIECES OF FLESH *CAUGHT* IN HER *NAILS.*

BUT... I'M NOT *STRONG!* HOW COULD I HAVE DONE ALL THIS? UNLESS...

IN THE *DREAM,* I BECAME A *CAT!* COULD I HAVE... *REALLY?*

YES, SHE IS FILLED WITH SHOCK AND TERROR OVER WHAT SHE SEES... BUT *BENEATH* IT ALL, DEEP WITHIN HER BUT COMING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE SURFACE, IS A SUBTLE SENSE OF *JOY,* OF *EXCITEMENT...*

...AND IT *SCARES* HER

THEN, SLOWLY, A TWISTED *SMILE* COMES TO HER LIPS...

...AND A CERTAIN PART OF HER BEGINS TO LOOK *FORWARD* TO PROWLING, TO STRIKING, AND TO... KILLING *AGAIN.*

AN ABRUPT *END* TO A YOUNG MAN'S WRITING CAREER.' HE HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO FIND A *NAKED LADY* ON HIS DOORSTEP, AND THE MISGUIDED *CHIVALRY* TO LET HER *SPEND THE NIGHT.*

POOR SCHMUCK! HE REALLY GOT THE *PRIZE* FOR HELPING ME.'

I BETTER TRY ON SOME OF HIS *CLOTHES* AND *BEAT IT!*

NOT A BAD *FIT.'*

BUT I'LL HAVE TO WEAR *FIVE* PAIRS OF HIS SOCKS... OR THE *SHOES* WILL NEVER *FIT!*

THAT SILLY WARREN'S LEFT HIS *DOOR* OPEN.'

DON'T HE REALIZE HE'LL GET *MUGGED* OR SOMETHING IF HE KEEPS THIS *UP?*

AIN'T SEEN *HER* BEFORE.

AT LONG LAST, MRS. TRENT'S *FEARS* HAVE BORN FRUIT. SHE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL *EVERYONE*... SHE'S THE LANDLADY IN A BUILDING WHERE A *MURDER* TOOK PLACE! SHE DOES HER REQUIRED *LINES*...

AURALEON

PANTHA



WE HAVE HERE A *GIRL* AND A *SITUATION*. THE GIRL IS JUST *THIS SIDE* OF *MATURITY*... AND HAS *CROSSED* THE LINE OF *VIOLENCE!* THE SITUATION MATTERS ONLY IN THAT THIS IS *NOT* EVEN THE FIRST TIME SHE HAS KILLED! BUT, EVEN SO, HER STILL SOMEWHAT *ADOLESCENT* MIND *CANNOT ACCEPT* WHAT SHE HAS DONE... NOR TRULY *GRASP* EXACTLY WHAT SORT OF A BEING SHE HAS BECOME.

AND SHE BEGINS TO *WONDER!* HOW MANY TIMES *BEFORE* HAVE I *KILLED* AND NOT EVEN *KNOWN* IT? HOW MANY *TIMES?*

I HAVE TO *FIGURE* THIS *OUT!* I DON'T EVEN KNOW *WHEN* IT'LL HAPPEN AGAIN!

AND I *LIKED* IT. THAT'S A WEIRD TRIP!

GOTTA TALK TO *BLUE!*

FAMILY TIES!

BLUE WILL HELP ME!



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A *WOULD-BE* ROCK SINGER...

HE PARADES BEFORE THE *MIRROR*... CHECKING OUT HIS NEW COSTUME... GAGING THE WHOLE *EFFECT*.

HE LIKES THE LENGTH OF HIS OWN *HAIR*... APPRECIATES THE WAY IT *FALLS*... AND, AS FOR THE CAPE...



...WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING *ELSE* AGAIN.

BLUE.! THANK GOD YOU'RE *HOME!*

GREEN.

PLEASE, BLUE! THIS REALLY *WEIRD* TRIP HIT ME LAST NIGHT.! YOU'RE NOT GONNA *BELIEVE* IT.! I...

COME *OFF* IT.! I'VE ALREADY GOT IT *FIGURED*.! THAT OVERAGE SWINGER, YOUR *BOSS*, FINALLY MADE THE RIGHT OFFER, *DIDN'T* HE?

YEH, I'M HOME! AND THAT'S WHERE *YOU* SHOULDA BEEN LAST NIGHT.! WHERE THE HELL *WERE* YOU?



BLUE.! LISTEN, MAN.! YOU GOTTA *HELP* ME.! I... I *KILLED* A MAN LAST NIGHT.!

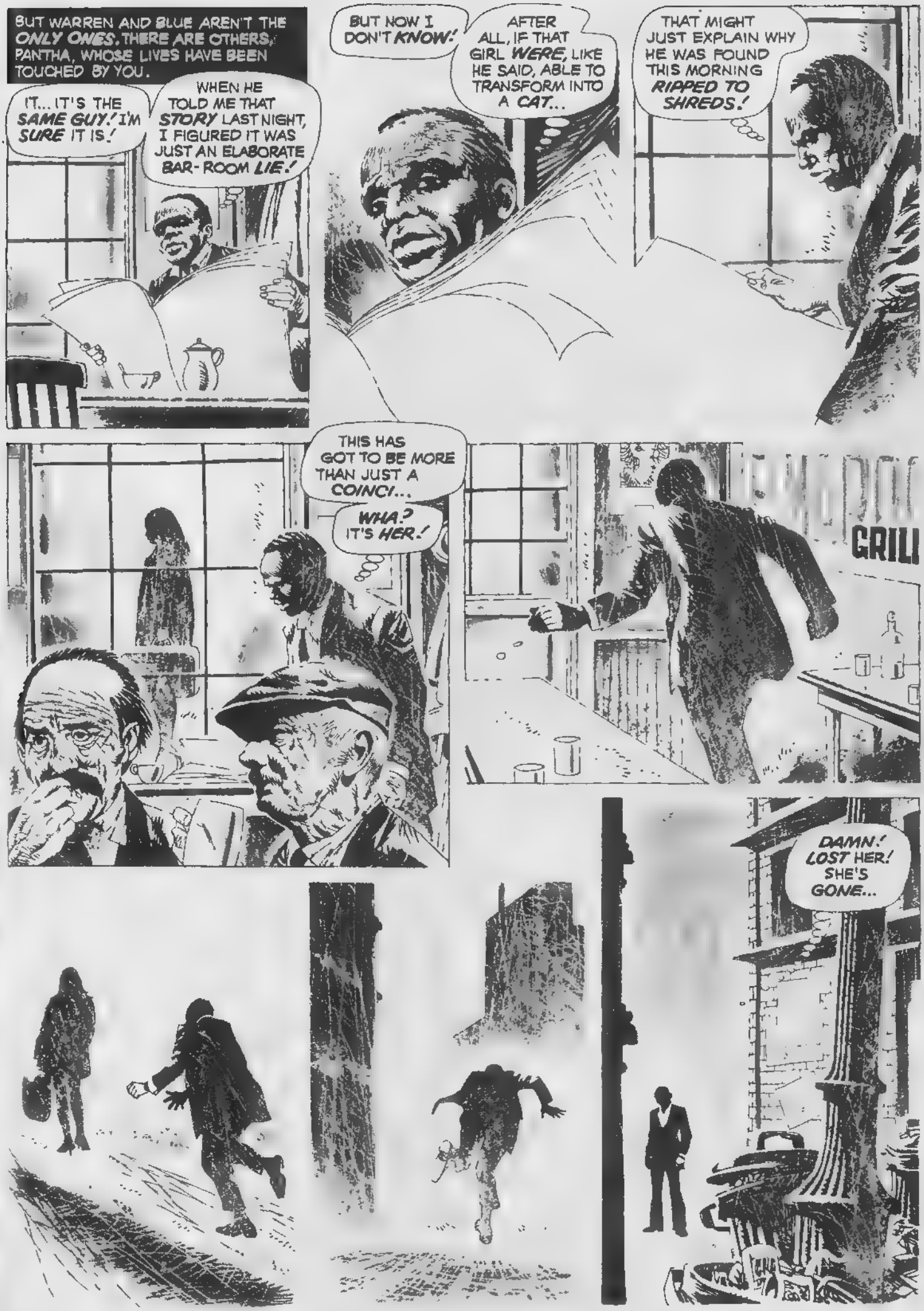






POOR *BLUE*.! HE REALLY *BLEW* IT THIS TIME.! BUT, AFTER ALL, HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO *BADMOUTH* HIS *MEAL TICKET*.


OH GOD!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
NO! I'M NOT SORRY!
I'VE ALWAYS HAD SOME FREAK PUNCHING ME AROUND!
IT MAY NOT BE THE FREUDIAN WAY, BUT STARTING RIGHT NOW I'M NO LONGER ANYBODY'S PUNCHING BAG!


BUT WARREN AND BLUE AREN'T THE ONLY ONES. THERE ARE OTHERS, PANTHA, WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY YOU.
IT... IT'S THE SAME GUY! I'M SURE IT IS!
WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT STORY LAST NIGHT, I FIGURED IT WAS JUST AN ELABORATE BAR-ROOM LIE!
BUT NOW I DON'T KNOW!
AFTER ALL, IF THAT GIRL WERE, LIKE HE SAID, ABLE TO TRANSFORM INTO A CAT...
THAT MIGHT JUST EXPLAIN WHY HE WAS FOUND THIS MORNING RIPPED TO SHREDS!
THIS HAS GOT TO BE MORE THAN JUST A COINCI...
WHA? IT'S HER!
GRILL
DAMN! LOST HER! SHE'S GONE...


...INTO THE STENCH OF WHAT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS WAS THE ONLY WORLD SHE KNEW.
AH! SWEET HOME OF MY CHILDHOOD.
TOK TOK TOK
THE ONLY WORLD THEY LEFT HER KNOW.
EDITH, LOOK WHO'S HERE! LITTLE MISS HIGH AN' MIGHTY HERSELF!
WELL I'LL BE. EDITH!
COME BACK FOR A HANDOUT, HUNH?
HANDOUT... BULL! YOU CAME TO GIVE YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD SOME OF THAT BIG BREAD YOU BEEN MAKIN' SHAKIN' YOUR TAIL, AIN'TCHA?
CUT IT, POP!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW FROM YOU TWO. THEN I'LL BE OUT OF YOUR LIVES FOR GOOD.


WHO ARE MY REAL PARENTS?
WHAT?! WE'RE YOUR PARENTS! HOW CAN YOU ASK SUCH A QUESTION? ...AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE FOR YOU!
YEH, AN' IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GAVE US SOMETHIN' IN RETURN!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHIN' ALL RIGHT!
SMAK!
YOU GIMME THAT!
LOOK, EDITH... MUST BE 300 BONES HERE!
I NEED THAT BREAD! GIVE IT BACK HERE, OR...
AND YOU WONDER HOW I KNEW.
MAYBE A REAL FATHER WOULD HIT HIS KID LIKE THAT... BUT WOULD A REAL FATHER RAPE HIS OWN 16 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER?
WHAT??
EDITH, HONEY! TAKE IT EASY! CAN'T YOU SEE SHE'S LYING! SHE JUST WANTS TO BREAK UP OUR HAPPY HOME.
WHY YOU LOUSY...
WOK!


SHE WAS ALWAYS TRYIN' T' START TROUBLE!
BUT I RECKON I CAN STILL TAME YOU DOWN TO SIZE, MISS SMARTY!
BEAT HER, ART! SHOW HER...!
THEN, WE'LL SEND HER BACK TO THAT FAYETTEVILLE FOUNDLING HOME WHERE SHE BELONGS!
GETTING BEAT IS NOTHING NEW IN THIS COZY, LITTLE FAMILY.
BUT OUR HEROINE'S REACTION IS INDEED SOMETHING NEW... EVEN TO HERSELF! NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, PANTHA, YOU WILL YOURSELF TO CHANGE. AND YOU FEEL YOURSELF CHANGING, AND YOU ARE GLAD! YOUR ANGER BECOMING A DEADLY SNARL! YOUR FINGERS BECOMING CLAWS! SLEAK BLACK HAIR COVERING YOUR BACK! TONIGHT, THE TABLES HAVE TURNED... FOREVER!
NOW ONE OF THEM IS DEAD... THE OTHER, SCREAMING... TRYING TO REACH THE DOOR... TRYING TO ESCAPE.


WHAT IS THE SOUND OF BLOOD CATCHING IN A PERSON'S THROAT?
...THEN, SPURTING FREE, AS THAT PERSON'S INSIDES ARE RIPPED AWAY?
WHAT INDEED ARE THE SOUNDS OF VIOLENT, MANGLING DEATH? YOU LEARN THESE SOUNDS THIS DAY, PANTHA.
AND THERE'S A PART OF YOU THAT SAYS SUCH SOUND SHOULD NOT SEEM ALIEN TO YOU. THERE IS A PART OF YOURSELF THAT UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED. A PART THAT HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS, PERHAPS FOR CENTURIES, WHAT IT MEANS TO KILL!!
JEZUZ! MY D.T.'S ARE REALLY GETTING ABSURD!
THERE IS SO MUCH, PANTHA, ABOUT YOURSELF YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND! SO MUCH TO DO... SO MUCH YOU WANT TO DO... SO MUCH YOU MUST DISCOVER...
...AND NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU ARE FREE!
...FREE TO FIND OUT WHO YOU REALLY ARE!

PANTHA



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ONE WHO SAW THE PANTHER *PURSUED*... UNTIL HE COULD KEEP UP *NO* LONGER.

DAMN I *LOST* HER!

AND I'LL *NEVER* FIND HER AGAIN! NOT IF SHE DOESN'T WANT ME TO!

BUT IT WAS *HER!* I'M *SURE* IT WAS!

THAT GIANT CAT IS REALLY A *GIRL!*

THE *OLD MAN* I MET TOLD ME OF HER ABILITY TO TRANSFORM INTO A *PANTHER!* I DIDN'T *BELIEVE* HIM!

AND NOW I *DO* BELIEVE!

TOO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN FOR THIS TO ALL BE JUST A *COINCIDENCE!*

THE BEGINNING: AT FIRST, HE HAD BEEN *TRANSFIXED*... HIS ATTENTION COMPLETELY *CAPTURED* BY HER HARD AND UNCOMPROMISING SENSUAL *BEAUTY.*

HE FELT AS THOUGH HE WERE BEING *PULLED* TOWARD HER... AN IMAGINED UNION FOLLOWED...

...A UNION WHICH WAS SUDDENLY *SHATTERED* BY AN *OLD MAN* AND A *STORY* THAT SEEMED BUT AN ELABORATE *LIE*...

I'M *TELLING* YOU! SHE'S *MORE* THAN JUST A WOMAN! YEARS AGO, SHE LEFT A BAR WITH A MAN I KNEW! AND WHEN THAT MAN'S *BODY* WAS FOUND...

A RATHER *MEANINGLESS* EVENING OF AIMLESS *FRIVOLITY*... OR SO IT WOULD HAVE SEEMED, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE NEWS ITEM HE READ THAT NEXT DAY.

GOD! IT'S THE SAME *OLD GUY.*

...FOUND *TORN TO SHREDS* ... AS THOUGH BY SOME SORT OF *HUGE CAT!*


WHAT AM I DOING OUT HERE?
GOTTA LEARN TO CONTROL THE BEAST IN ME A BIT BETTER THAN THIS!
LEFT MY CLOTHES, MY SUITCASE MY MONEY... EVERYTHING BACK AT THE PLACE!
GOTTA GET BACK THERE... AND FAST... BEFORE SOMEBODY SPOTS ME LIKE THIS!


EVEN AS HE WAS RE-READING THAT NEWS ITEM THERE IN THAT SLEAZY DINER, HE HAD LOOKED UP, AND...
WHA!? IT'S HER!


HE HAD RUSHED OUT, AND, TRYING TO FOLLOW, FINALLY LOST HER! NOW HE WALKS AIMLESSLY THROUGH THE CONCRETE CANYONS, PAST GLITTERING AND BLINKING NEON, LOST IN THOUGHT.
I SUPPOSE I COULD GO TO THE POLICE WITH MY STORY! BUT THEY'D PROBABLY JUST LAUGH AT ME, LIKE I DID WITH THAT OLD GUY!
BESIDES, I DON'T EVEN KNOW HER NAME.


LAUGH? NO, PROBABLY NOT! THE POLICE WOULD VERY PROBABLY BE TRULY INTERESTED IN HIS STORY. FOR THE OLD MAN'S DEATH WAS ONLY THE FIRST! THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER GRISLY MURDERS SINCE THEN! ONLY TWO OF WHICH THE POLICE HAVE YET TO LEARN ABOUT...

...AN ELDERLY, **SLOVENLY** COUPLE, **TORN APART** LYING IN POOLS OF THEIR OWN **BLOOD**... AND THE SHADOW OF A **LITHE** AND WELL-ROUNDED **FEMALE FORM** FALLING OVER THIS SCENE OF **WELL-DESERVED** DEATH.

EVERYTHING GOT SHOVED AROUND DURING THE **STRUGGLE!** NEED MY **CLOTHES** ... MY **PURSE.**

THERE! GOT 'EM!

NOW I'D BETTER GET **OUT** OF HERE! THERE WAS A DRUNK IN THE HALLWAY WHEN I **KILLED** THE **OLD LADY!** AND HE **SAW** ME DO IT!

I **DOUBT** IT, BUT HE MAY HAVE GONE TO THE **POLICE!**

SOON...

STRANGE HOW MUCH MY LIFE HAS **CHANGED** THESE PAST FEW DAYS!

I'VE FINALLY STARTED TO **FIGHT BACK**...

...AGAINST EVERYONE WHO HAS EVER **PUSHED ME AROUND!**

AND MORE THAN **THAT,** I'VE BECOME AN **ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON!**

I'M **STRONG** NOW... AND I'VE LEARNED THAT I'VE **ALWAYS** HAD THE CAPACITY TO BE STRONGER THAN **ANYONE** WHO FEELS LIKE KICKING ME AROUND!

NEW JERSEY

AL BUS

BUT SO FAR, I'VE ONLY **SCRATCHED THE SURFACE!** I'VE GOT TO LEARN **MORE** ABOUT THIS!

GOT TO RETURN TO THAT **FOUNDLING HOME,** AND LEARN ABOUT MY **ANCESTRY** ... LEARN **WHY** I'M THE WAY I AM!

TO LEARN THE *WHOLE* STORY... A STORY THAT RESIDES IN A SUBURBAN *FOUNDLING HOME*... THIS IS YOUR *GOAL!* SO WHY THEN, *PANTHA,* DO YOU NOW SUDDENLY FEEL COMPELLED TO *LEAVE* THE TICKET LINE?

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WHY DO YOU FEEL *DRAWN* INTO *MOMENTARILY* PLACING YOUR BELONGINGS IN A LOCKER?

WHY IS A CERTAIN SUBCONSCIOUS PART OF YOU DIRECTING YOU TO WALK OUT OF THE BUS STATION... TO STEAL OFF INTO THE NEON-SPLASHED *NIGHT?* WHY *PANTHA? WHY?* THERE ARE NO ANSWERS HERE... NO *ANSWERS* ON THIS CHILLY CITY NIGHT!

...BUT NOT TOO FAR AWAY, WE FIND *ANOTHER* WHO IS SEARCHING.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY I *CAME* HERE! I KNEW THE CHANCES OF HER BEING HERE WERE *SLIM,* WHAT WITH *ME* SEEING HER WALKING ALONG WITH THAT *SUITCASE!*

AND I CAN'T REALLY *ASK AROUND* ABOUT HER.

THESE PLACES ARE RUN BY THE *SYNDICATE*... OR SO I *HEAR!* IT DOESN'T *PAY* TO ASK QUESTIONS IN PLACE LIKE *THIS!*

A *WOMAN*... NO, MORE A *GIRL*... EIGHTEEN OR NINETEEN... A PIECE OF OVER-OBVIOUS *BEAUTY* WHO HAD HAD JUST ENOUGH TO *DRINK* SO THAT HER *TOP-HEAVINESS* WAS GETTING THE *BEST* OF HER... SPEAKING IN A LOW NOT SULTRY BUT *WHISPERY,* VOICE.

PARDON?

I HATE TO *BROTHER* YOU, SIR! BUT THIS IS PART OF MY *JOB!* I'M SUPPOSED TO COME OVER AND GET YOU TO BUY *ME* A *DRINK!*

EXCUSE ME, SIR...

HUNH?

EACH OF US GIRLS HAVE TO GO AROUND LIKE THIS AT LEAST *ONCE A WEEK* AND GET THE MEN TO BUY US DRINKS.' I KNOW I'M *RIPPING YOU OFF*, BUT...

YOU MEAN YOU *WORK* HERE? AS A *DANCER*?

YES.' BUT...

LISTEN.. I COULD JUST SAY THAT YOU *REFUSED* TO BUY ME A DRINK. AND THAT'LL BE *THAT*.' AFTER ALL THIS *IS* A FANTASTIC *RIP-OFF* AND...

NO.' NO.' SIT DOWN.' I'LL *BUY* YOU THAT DRINK... IF I CAN *TALK* TO YOU FOR A WHILE.'

THERE'S THIS GIRL I'M INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT A *FEW THINGS* ABOUT.' SHE *WORKS* HERE.'

OR AT LEAST, SHE WAS HERE *LAST NIGHT*.'

LISTEN, PEOPLE OF THE NIGHT... CAN *YOU HEAR* IT?... HEAR IT IN YOUR *MIND*? THE *VIBRATIONS*.' THE DISTANT BEAT OF *JUNGLE DRUMS*.'

DO YOU HEAR THE RUSTLE OF *FOLIAGE* ... THAT RUMBLING *GROWL*? CAN YOU HEAR THE PAD OF THE PAWS OF A HUGE *CAT*?

THIS IS A *JUNGLE* OF *CONCRETE*.' YET IT IS AS THOUGH THE OIL AND THE SLUDGE ON THE STREETS WERE NOW REFLECTING THE DENSE GROWTH OF AN AFRICAN *RAIN FOREST*, INSTEAD OF ASPHALT EDIFICE UPON EDIFICE.

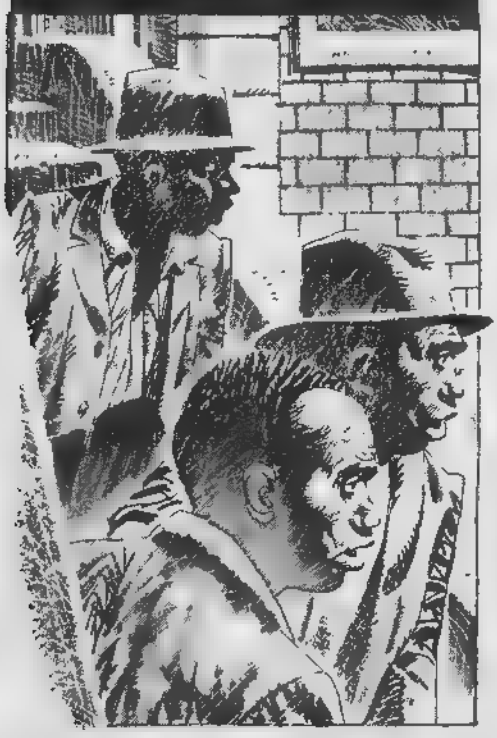

WHAT DO THESE VIBRATIONS MEAN? IS THIS TO BECOME A NIGHT OF JUNGLE MADNESS?
DIDN'T LEARN MUCH! COULDN'T EVEN FIND OUT WHAT HER ADDRESS IS.
BUT, AT LEAST I DID LEARN HER NAME! IT'S...
BUT WHAT NEED DO WE HAVE TO KNOW THE NAME SHE GOES BY IN THIS PARTICULAR INCARNATION? WE ALREADY KNOW HER FOR WHO SHE TRULY IS.
WHAT'S WRONG? SOMETHING IN THE AIR.
FEEL LIKE I'M BEING WATCHED! FOLLOWED!
HE SENSES IMPENDING DOOM! HE CANNOT SHAKE THE FEELING...
...NOT EVEN WHEN THERE ARE OTHERS... MANY OTHERS... AROUND HIM...
...FOR EVEN IN A CROWD, HE IS ALONE... FEELING SOMETHING STALKING HIM...
...UNTIL, FINALLY, IT IS MORE THAN JUST A FEELING... NOW THERE ARE SOUNDS AS WELL. WHAT WAS ONCE JUST A HAZY IMPRESSION HAS BECOME SHOCKING REALITY!


THE FEAR... IT BEGINS DEEP WITHIN YOU, DOESN'T IT? FEAR... GROWING, SPREADING FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT...
...UNTIL IT CONSUMES YOUR ENTIRE BEING... AND YOU ARE NO LONGER A RATIONAL, THINKING CREATURE. NOW YOUR INSTINCTS HAVE TAKEN OVER...
...TELLING YOU TO RUN FASTER, FASTER... AS STRANGE IMAGES FLASH THROUGH YOUR MIND...
BOOMLAY
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BOOM
...AND WHEN RUNNING PROVES USELESS... WHEN YOU INSTINCTIVELY REALIZE THAT THERE SHALL BE NO ESCAPE... THEN YOU PREPARE FOR THE FIGHT, JUST AS YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR SIMILAR FIGHTS FOR CENTURY UPON CENTURY...
...POSITIONING YOURSELF... WAITING...

...AND FINALLY *STRIKING!*



LISTEN, PEOPLE OF THE *NIGHT*...CAN YOU *HEAR* IT? THE *GROWLS!* THE *SHRIEKS!*



THE SOUND OF *CLAWS* TEARING INTO *FLESH!* THE SKUFFLE! THE *SCREAMS!*



AND FINALLY... THE DEAFENING *SILENCE!*



IT IS *OVER* NOW! THE BATTLE HAS *ENDED*. AND YOU, *MAN*... YOU ARE THE *LOSER!*



AND THE *VICTOR* IS NOW *FAR* AWAY... *WEARY*, BUT IF *WOUNDED*, THEN QUITE *SLIGHTLY*.

BEFORE LONG, A *PANTHER* NUZZLES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A DISCARDED *DRESS*...

IN CONTROL ENOUGH TO LEAVE MY BELONGINGS IN A *BUS STATION LOCKER*... SO THAT THEY *TOO* ARE SAFE!

NOW, I CAN *RETURN* TO THE BUS STATION... AND GET ON WITH PAYING A VISIT TO THAT *FOUNDLING HOME!*

AND, WITHIN SECONDS, THE CAT IS *GONE*, AND A YOUNG *WOMAN* HAS TAKEN ITS PLACE.

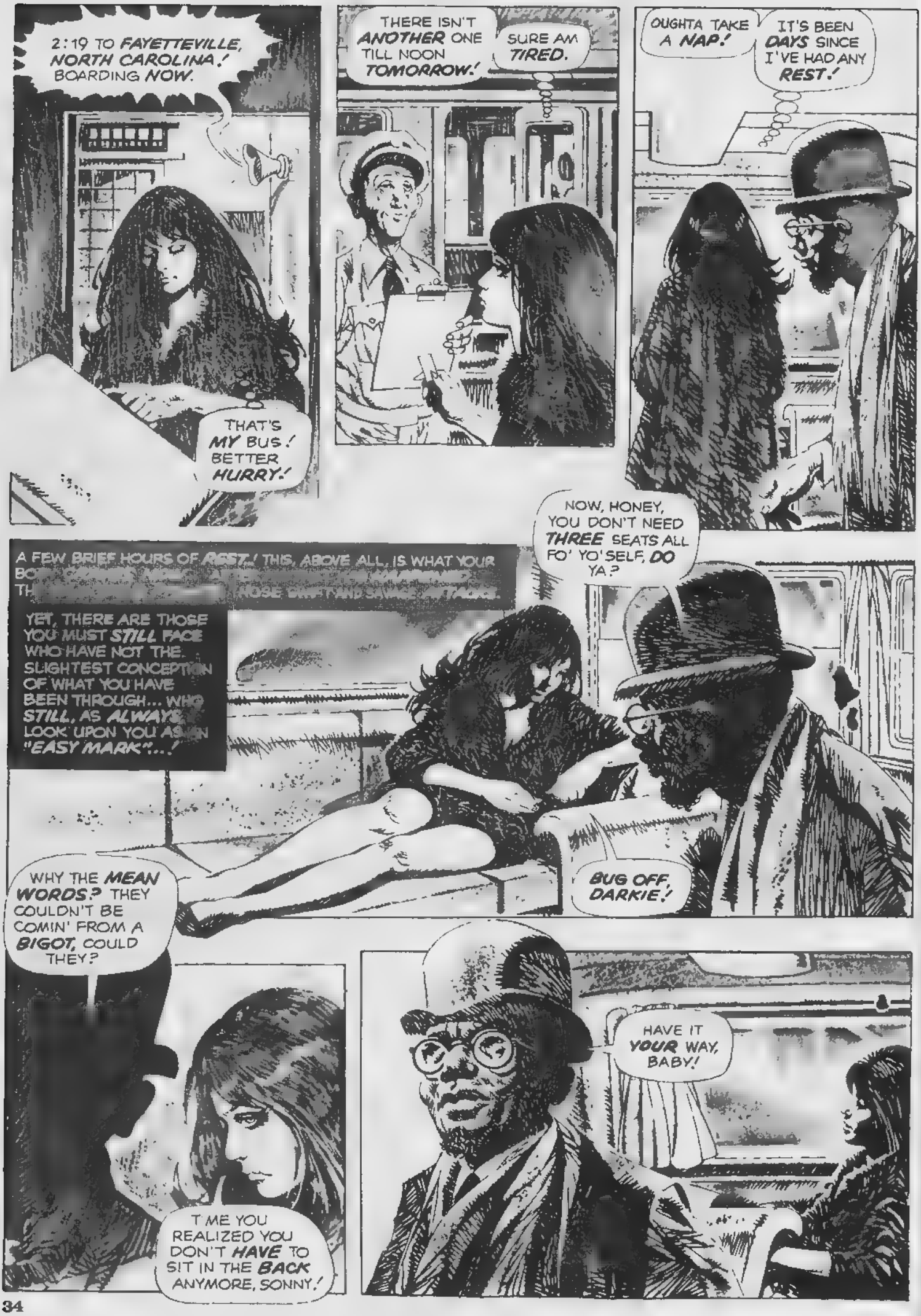
IT HAPPENED *AGAIN!* THAT *OTHER PART* OF ME *TOOK OVER!*

BUT, AT LEAST THIS TIME, I WAS *SOMEWHAT* IN *CONTROL*...

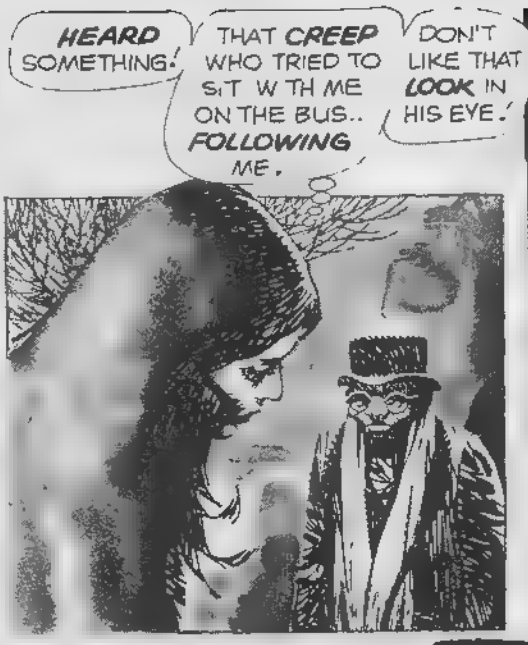
...IN CONTROL ENOUGH TO LEAVE MY *CLOTHES* IN A PLACE WHERE I COULD *GET THEM BACK!*

IT'S BEEN A *LONG DAY!* I COULD CERTAINLY USE A *MANICURE!* MY NAILS ARE A *MESS!*

AND SOME *REST!* I COULD SURE USE... SOME *SLEEP!*


2:19 TO FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA! BOARDING NOW.
THAT'S MY BUS! BETTER HURRY!
THERE ISN'T ANOTHER ONE TILL NOON TOMORROW!
SURE AM TIRED.
OUGHTA TAKE A NAP!
IT'S BEEN DAYS SINCE I'VE HAD ANY REST!
A FEW BRIEF HOURS OF REST! THIS, ABOVE ALL, IS WHAT YOUR BO
TH
YET, THERE ARE THOSE YOU MUST STILL FACE WHO HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST CONCEPTION OF WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH... WHO STILL, AS ALWAYS, LOOK UPON YOU AS AN "EASY MARK"...!
NOW, HONEY, YOU DON'T NEED THREE SEATS ALL FO' YO'SELF, DO YA?
BUG OFF, DARKIE!
WHY THE MEAN WORDS? THEY COULDN'T BE COMIN' FROM A BIGOT, COULD THEY?
T'ME YOU REALIZED YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT IN THE BACK ANYMORE, SONNY!
HAVE IT YOUR WAY, BABY!

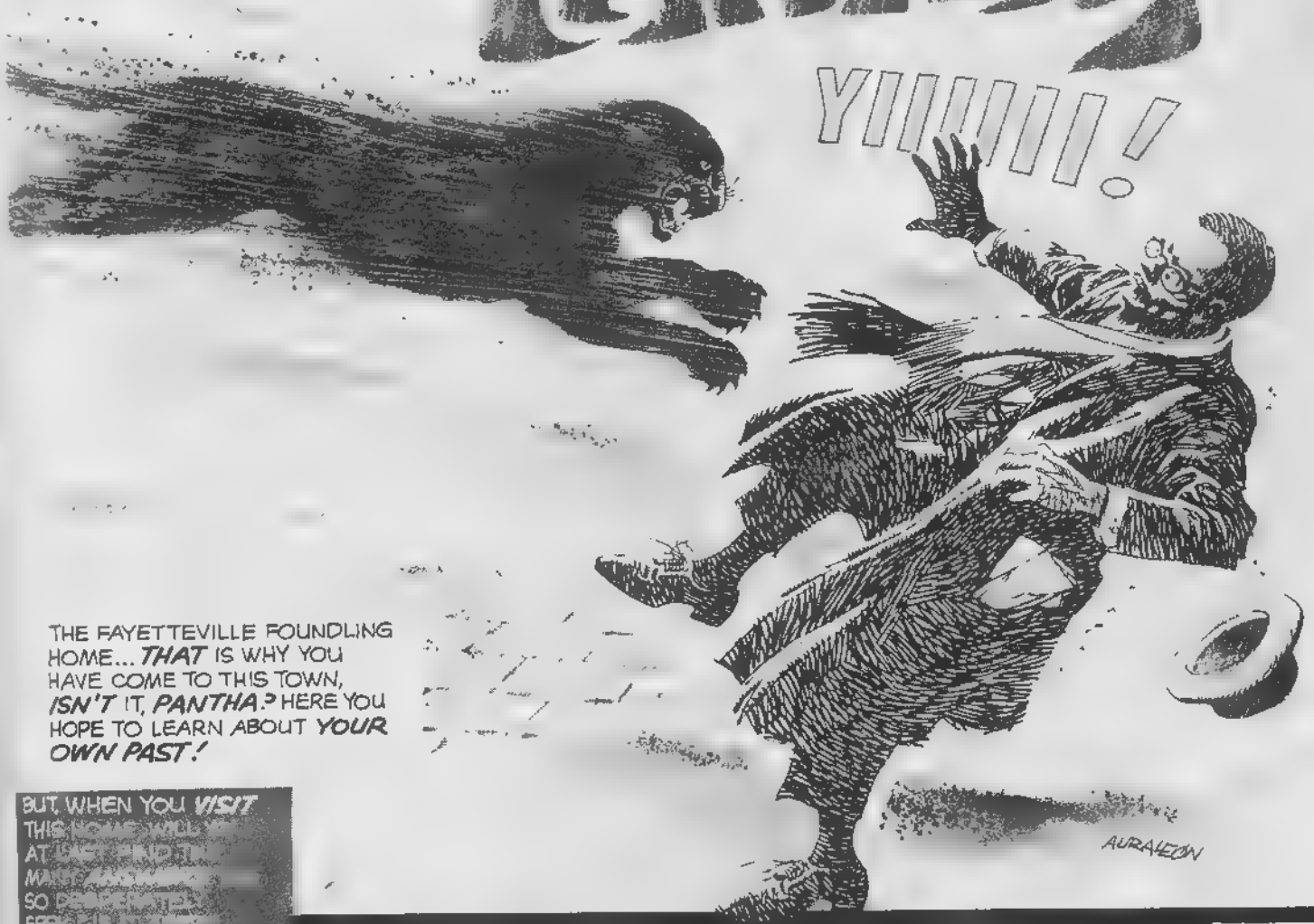






AND WHEN HE REACHES THAT ALLEYWAY, IT IS HARDLY AN EASY MARK HE FINDS..!

PANTHA



THE FAYETTEVILLE FOUNDLING HOME... THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE COME TO THIS TOWN, ISN'T IT, PANTHA? HERE YOU HOPE TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR OWN PAST!

BUT, WHEN YOU VISIT THIS [illegible] AT [illegible] MA[illegible] SO [illegible] SEE [illegible] THA[illegible] WHY A [illegible] SAVAGE, [illegible] BEAST LIES WITHIN YOU?

CHILDHOOD HAUNT!

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NOW, ONLY BRIEF *MOMENTS* HAVE PASSED... AND YOU *LEAVE* A MAN'S *TWISTED* AND *MANGLED* BODY *BEHIND* YOU.

YOU ARE *STILL* TIRED... AND ENERGY EXPENDED IN THIS MOST *RECENT* [illegible] TO YOUR *FATIGUE!*

SO NOW YOU *SEARCH* ANEW... LOOKING FOR A WARM, COZY PLACE TO TAKE YOUR *CAT-NAP.*

YOU *STUMBLE* IN YOUR HAZE OF NEAR-SLEEP... INTO A CONVENIENT DOORWAY... TO *REST*... TO COLLECT YOUR *THOUGHTS*... AND INADVERTENTLY, YOU *FALL ASLEEP...!*

AREN'T YOU AFRAID YOU'LL *CATCH* A *WHOPPER* OF A *COLD*, RUNNING AROUND LIKE *THAT?*

HUNH?

YOU LOOK UP INTO HIS *SMILING* FACE... AND, FOR *SOME* REASON, YOU DO NOT *AT ALL* MIND HIS STARING AT YOUR *NAKEDNESS.*

DEEP WITHIN YOU, HE STIRS A *MEMORY*... YET, IT IS A MEMORY YOU SHOULD *NOT* POSSESS... ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE INEXPLICABLE MEMORIES FROM *TOO MANY YEARS* AGO... FROM *YEARS* AND *YEARS* BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN *BORN.*

HERE! TAKE MY COAT! WE'LL GET YOU SOME *CLOTHES!*

YOU CANNOT *EXPLAIN* IT... BUT YOU *TRUST* HIM... YOU *TRULY* TRUST HIM.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO *ASK* ME...?

HOW YOU *ENDED UP* THIS WAY?

NO! I FIGURE IF YOU *WANT* TO TELL ME, YOU EVENTUALLY *WILL!*

YOU MAKE **LOVE** WITH HIM... AND THE MEMORIES THAT **SHOULDN'T EXIST** LINGER ON.

HIS NAME IS **JASON**... AND YOU TELL HIM ABOUT THE **FOUNDLING HOME**.

HE **WARNS** YOU... **URGES YOU** TO **STAY AWAY** FROM THE PLACE.

BUT YOU **LAUGH** AT HIS WARNING... AFTER ALL, WHAT PROBLEMS COULD ONE **POSSIBLY** FACE AT A **FOUNDLING HOME?**

A FEW HOURS OF **HAPPINESS**, OF **PLEASURE**... THEN, YOU **APPROACH** THE **HOME**.

NICE OF JASON TO **LEND** ME THE MONEY FOR THESE **CLOTHES**!

WHEW! WHAT A **CREEPY JOINT**! DID I REALLY **LIVE** HERE ONCE?

NOBODY AROUND!

GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL JUST **WALK IN**!

DOWN **MUSTY CORRIDORS** YOU WALK...

THIS PLACE IS THE WORST **FIRE-TRAP** I'VE EVER SEEN! SOMETHING ABOUT THE **SMELL** IS **FAMILIAR**!

THAT'S IT, **PANTHA**! TRY TO FIND A **MEMORY** OF YOUR CHILDHOOD HERE IN THIS **MOULDERING HOUSE**. **IRONIC**, ISN'T IT, THAT YOUR NEW HEIGHTENED SENSE OF **SMELL** SHOULD FIND THIS UNBEARABLE STENCH OF **DECAY** SO STRANGELY **FAMILIAR**!

THERE'S SOMEONE!

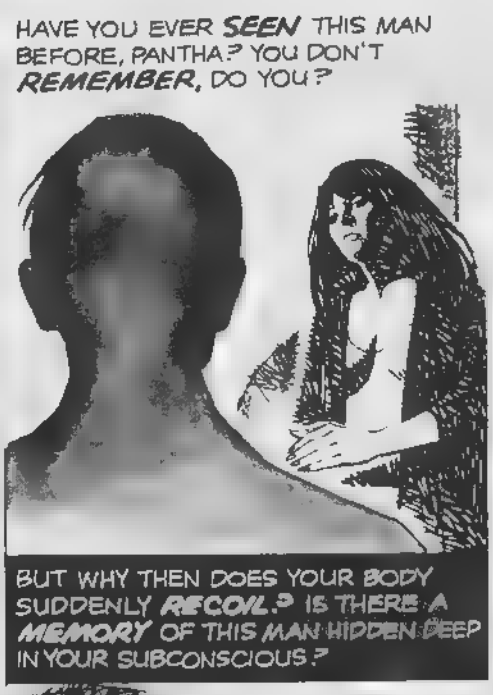
AHEM! I'D LIKE TO SEE MR. **JENKINS**! COULD YOU--

OF COURSE!

WAIT **HERE**! I'LL **GET** HIM!

WHAT A **SPOOK**!


WELL, WELL! WE SO SELDOM HAVE VISITORS!


HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS MAN BEFORE, PANTHA? YOU DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU?
BUT WHY THEN DOES YOUR BODY SUDDENLY RECOIL? IS THERE A MEMORY OF THIS MAN HIDDEN DEEP IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS?


NOW, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, MISS... UH...?

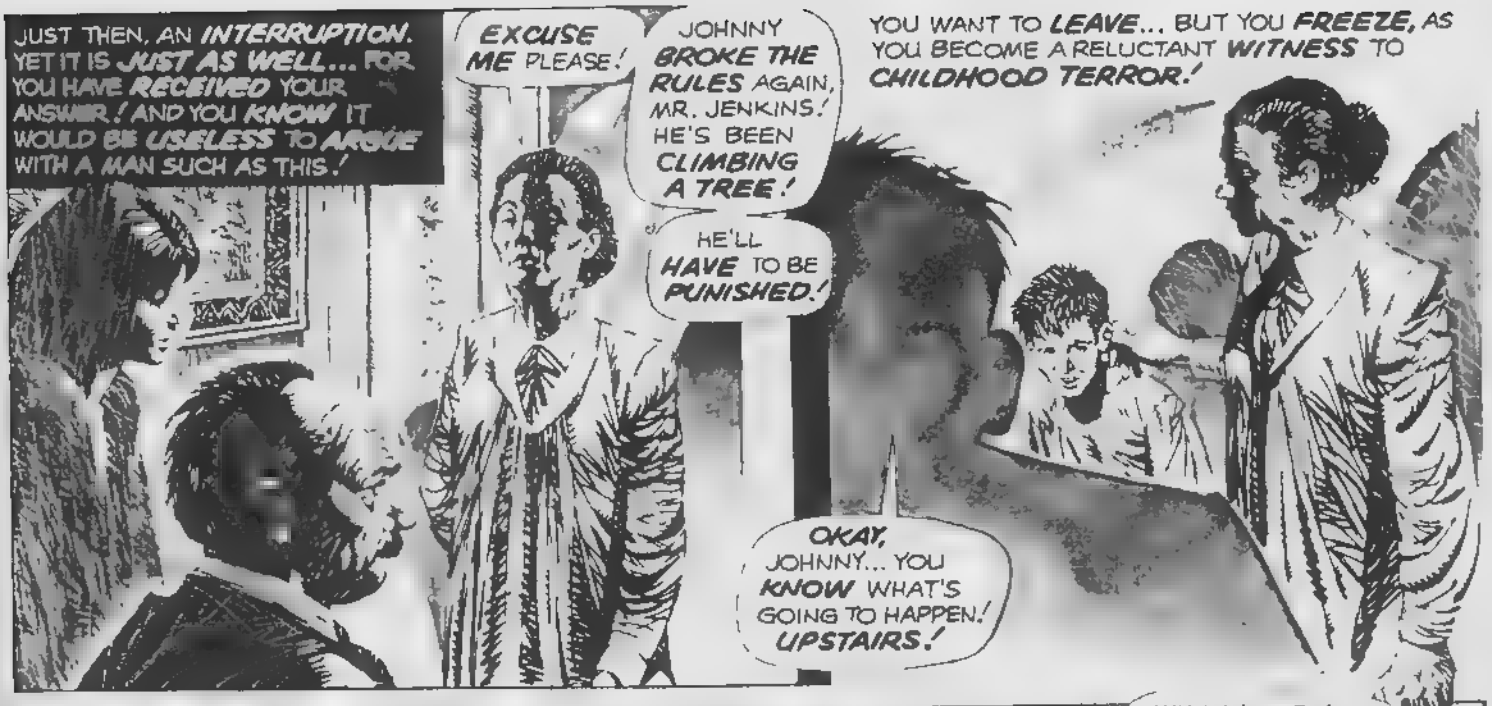

JONES IS THE NAME.


I USED TO BE AN INMATE HERE!


INMATE! HEH! THAT'S A GOOD ONE!
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU, THOUGH!

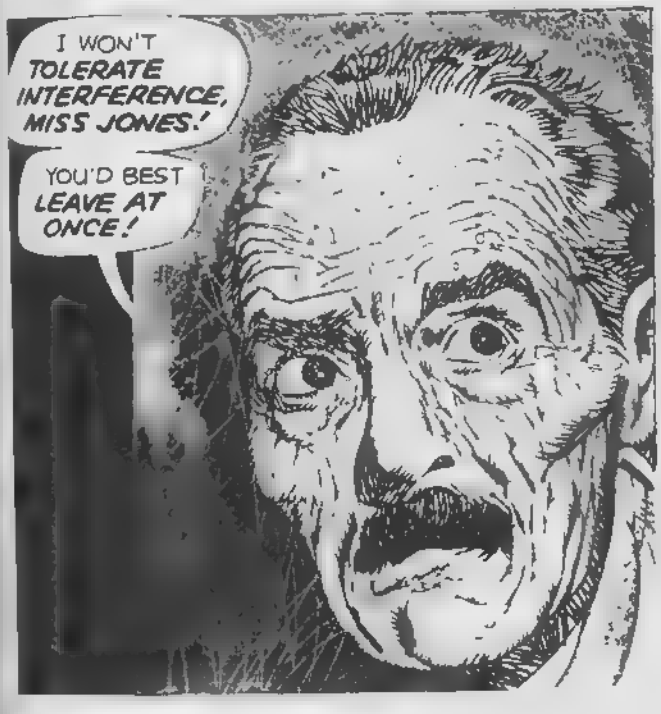

I DON'T REMEMBER EITHER! I WAS TOO YOUNG!
THEN... THEN, WHY ARE YOU HERE?


I HAVE TO SEE YOUR RECORDS! I--!
RECORDS? NO! NO! I'M SORRY! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!


JUST THEN, AN INTERRUPTION. YET IT IS JUST AS WELL... FOR YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ANSWER! AND YOU KNOW IT WOULD BE USELESS TO ARGUE WITH A MAN SUCH AS THIS!
EXCUSE ME PLEASE!
JOHNNY BROKE THE RULES AGAIN, MR. JENKINS! HE'S BEEN CLIMBING A TREE!
HE'LL HAVE TO BE PUNISHED!
YOU WANT TO LEAVE... BUT YOU FREEZE, AS YOU BECOME A RELUCTANT WITNESS TO CHILDHOOD TERROR!
OKAY, JOHNNY... YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN! UPSTAIRS!


AND MORE THAN JUST A WITNESS... YOU BECOME
PLAYER AS WELL!
HELP ME, MISS! DON'T LET THEM BEAT ME AGAIN!
PLEASE! YOU MUST DO SOMETHING!!


DON'T JUST STAND THERE! ENTER THE DRAMA! YOU MUST ACT, IF ONLY BECAUSE THIS MOMENT DEMANDS ACTIONS! LASH OUT NOW!
WHY SHOULD A CHILD BE PUNISHED FOR CLIMBING A TREE?
IT'S NOT RIGHT!


I WON'T TOLERATE INTERFERENCE, MISS JONES!
YOU'D BEST LEAVE AT ONCE!


AND THAT S IT! THE EMOTIONAL MOMENT HAS PASSED! AND IT IS TIME AGAIN NOW TO ACT RATIONALLY!
WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT A KID I DON'T EVEN KNOW?
STILL, IT'S UNJUST! AND THAT KID WAS REALLY TERRIFIED!


THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO WHEN A DOOR IS SLAMMED IN YOUR FACE... WAIT UNTIL MIDNIGHT, AND GO IN THROUGH THE WINDOW!
HE WOULDN'T SHOW ME THE RECORDS... BUT THAT CAN'T STOP ME! NO MATTER WHAT, I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHERE I CAME FROM!


WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SPEND THIS NIGHT WITH JASON! HE'S THE FIRST GOOD THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME IN A LONG TIME!
TOO BAD I HAD TO MEET HIM WHEN MY LIFE'S SO FILLED WITH TURMOIL!


JUST DON'T HAVE TIME FOR HIM! ONCE I FIND WHAT THIS PLACE HAS TO OFFER, I'M BOUND TO BE OFF AFTER OTHER CLUES ABOUT MYSELF!
SO I MIGHT AS WELL JUST PUT HIM OUT OF MY MIND!


BINGO! AT LONG LAST, I'VE GOT IT! MY RECORD! A DETAILED HISTORY OF WHAT I WAS BEFORE I--


HMM..MY TRUE PARENTS' LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS IN FLORIDA! NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THIS TOWN BEFORE! IT'S---

SUDDENLY...


AAAAAAAAAAAAA
WHAT WAS THAT!


IF THE SCREAM WERE NOT SO LOUD, SO REAL AND SO YOUTHFUL, PERHAPS YOU WOULD NOT WASTE TIME INVESTIGATING! HOWEVER...
CAME FROM UPSTAIRS!


YOU LOOK INTO THE ROOM... A ROOM FILLED MAINLY WITH FEAR AND HUNGER... AND THE OBJECT OF THE
STANDS RIGHT THERE IN THEIR MIDST...
YOU HAVE THE GALL TO COMPLAIN! ONE MEAL IS ALL THE LIKES OF YOU DESERVE!
AFTER A... HA, HA... IF I SPENT ANY MORE OF THE MONEY THE STATE GIVES ME ON YOU KIDS, THERE'D HARDLY BE ANY LEFT FOR ME!
NOW, APOLOGIZE FOR COMPLAINING!
NO! I WON'T! NOT TO YOU! YOU'RE A PIG!
YOU SEE HIM RAISE THE STICK. QUICKLY YOU TURN YOUR EYES AWAY! YOU BEGIN TO FEEL SICK...
AAAAAAAAAAAooo
AAAAAAA
THE SICKNESS GROWS IN THE PIT OF YOUR STOM
SICKNESS... ANGER... AN
WITH IT, YOU FEEL THE BEGINNING OF THE CHANGE.




You RIP AND YOU TEAR... AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN .! WHAT LITTLE REMAINS OF YOUR HUMANITY HEARS THE CHILDREN ABOUT YOU SCREAM AND RUN FROM THE ROOM. PERHAPS, THIS NIGHT, THEY WILL ESCAPE FROM THIS HOME... AND IF THEY DO, YOU'LL BE GLAD...!


THEN YOU STAND, PANTING, OVER ANOTHER MANGLED LIFELESS FORM.! YET, IT HAS NOT ENDED... NOT YET.! YOU HEAR ANOTHER... ONE WHO ATTACKS FROM BEHIND.


YOU TURN... YOU POUNCE.

THE *ANIMAL FURY* IS STILL *FRESH* WITHIN YOU.' IT IS ANOTHER *HUMAN*... THIS IS ALL YOUR SAVAGE INTELLECT *CARES* ABOUT.' AGAIN YOU BLINDLY *RIP*... AGAIN YOU *TEAR*...

...AND YOU *CONTINUE* TO *SLASH*, EVEN AS THE HAZY FIGURE BEFORE YOUR BLOOD-SPLATTERED EYES CEASES TO *SCREAM*... CEASES TO *SQUIRM* IN UNBEARABLE *PAIN*.

OH MY GOD.' NO.! *NO.!*

JASON.! IT... IT'S *JASON.!*

HE... HE MUST HAVE COME HERE TO *HELP* ME.. TO *PROTECT* ME! HE *WARNED* ME NOT TO COME HERE, AND ...AND...

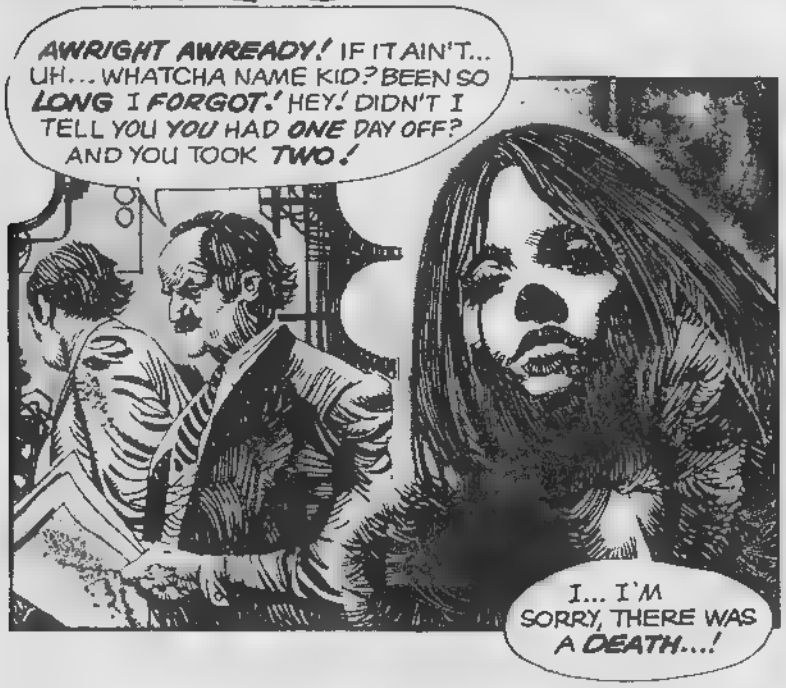
HE MUST HAVE SEEN THE *PANTHER*, AND... AND... TRIED TO *SAVE* THE *CHILDREN* FROM IT.

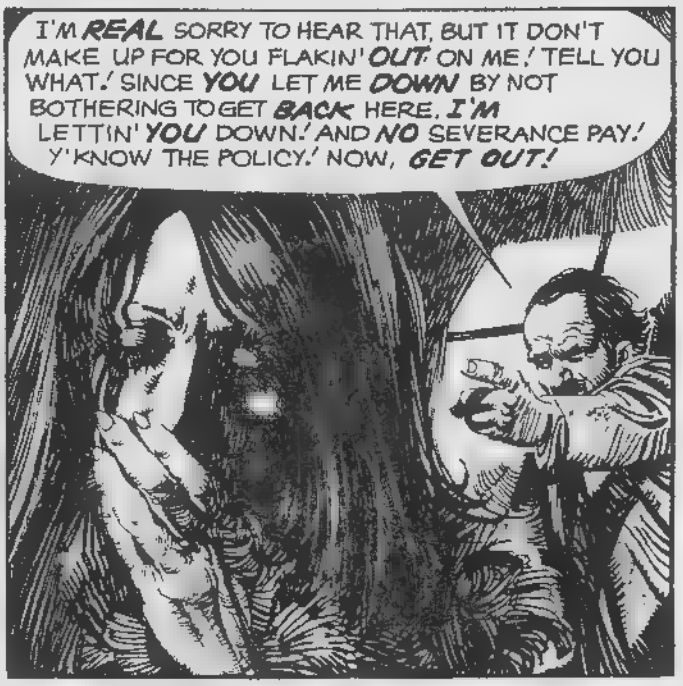
YES, *WEEP*, PANTHA! YOU *LOVED* THIS MAN. IT IS *SAD* WHEN SOMEONE SO CLOSE TO YOU *DIES*.

AND *SADDER STILL* WHEN YOU ARE THE *CAUSE* OF THAT DEATH.



STRAW ON THE WIND

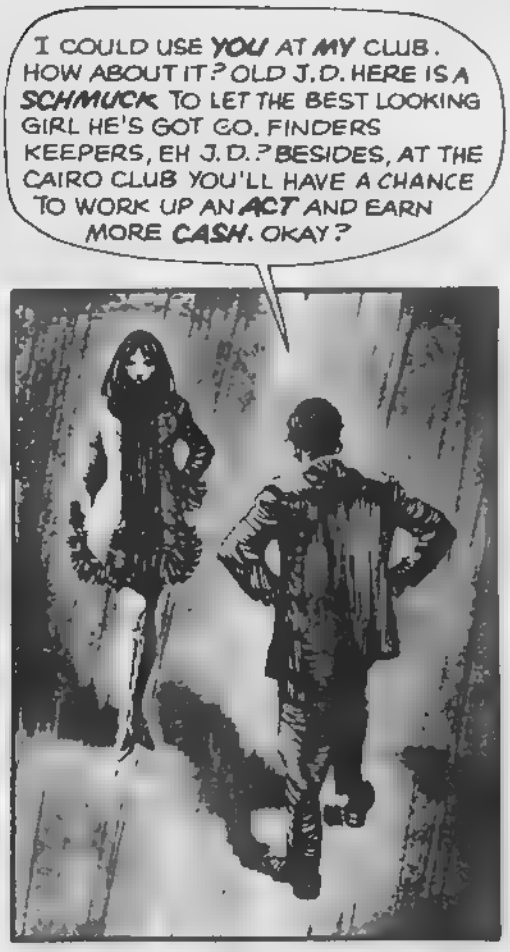




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P-PLEASE, BOSS... I.. I'VE HAD A TERRIBLE TRIP, I'M TIRED, I--!
AW, YOU'RE TIRED? AND I GUESS YOU'D WANT ANOTHER NIGHT OFF TO REST TOO? BEAT IT, SISTER. YOU'RE THROUGH!


EXCUSE ME, J. D., BUT IF YOU HAVE NO FURTHER NEED OF THE YOUNG LADY, I'D BE GLAD TO HAVE HER OVER AT THE CAIRO. WHAT DO YOU SAY, MISS?
I...UH--!
SURE, CLYMAN, SHE'S YOURS! TAKE HER. YOU'RE WELCOME TO THE HEADACHE.


I COULD USE YOU AT MY CLUB. HOW ABOUT IT? OLD J.D. HERE IS A SCHMUCK TO LET THE BEST LOOKING GIRL HE'S GOT GO. FINDERS KEEPERS, EH J.D.? BESIDES, AT THE CAIRO CLUB YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO WORK UP AN ACT AND EARN MORE CASH. OKAY?


YOU'LL BE SORRY, CLYMAN. NOTHIN' BUT TROUBLE. BESIDES, LITTLE MISS PRUDE HERE HAS MORALS!
GO HOME AND REST TONIGHT. I'LL SEE YOU ABOUT NOON FOR REHEARSAL, PANTHA. YOU CAN MEET THE GIRLS AND START THINKING ABOUT AN ACT.


BUT... MR. CLYMAN, I'VE NEVER DONE A STRIP ACT BEFORE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, HONEY. WITH A BUILD LIKE YOURS YOU COULD COME OUT IN A BARREL AND BE THE HIT OF THE NIGHT.


THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE TANGIBLE IN THE WIND. SOMETHING MORE CRYPTIC THAN A MERE CHANGE OF JOBS... SOMETHING DEEPER. BUT MOON BROUGHT ONLY THE CAIRO CLUB. STILL, SOMETHING DORMANT INSIDE PANTHA STIRRED UNEASILY.


THERE IS MUSIC AND LIFE INSIDE. BUT DARK LIFE. NOT THE KIND CLEANED AND MADE TAN AND HEALTHY BY THE SUN. BUT NIGHT LIFE... AT NOON.... WAITING FOR THE DARKNESS TO COME.
SORRY LADY, WE AIN'T OPEN TIL SEVEN TONIGHT
THAT'S OKAY, SPEED. SHE'S A NEW GIRL. HIYA, PANTHA! I'LL BE TIED UP FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. THAT'S CLEO ON THE BARGE. CLEO, MEET PANTHA! SHOW HER AROUND. ROCKY, TAKE THE LADY'S ORDER FOR LUNCH WITH YOU LATER. MAKE Y'SELF AT HOME, HONEY!
SO LIKE MR. CLYMAN SEZ, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME. THIS IS YOUR PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM, COURTESY OF THE BOSS. NEED ANYTHING, JUST CALL.
THANKS A LOT. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT
WELL, OLD GIRL, A PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM! YOU'RE MOVING UP IN THE WORLD.
SO, YOU'RE THE NEW GIRL? LIKE THE BOSS SAYS, I'M THE STAR ACT, CLEO. AND THIS, IS MARC ANTONY. SAY HI TO PANTHA, ANTONY
OH, HIYA. I REALLY LIKED YOUR ACT AND I PROMISE I'M NOT OUT TO GET UP A BETTER ONE YOU'RE THE STAR AND I'M THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK.
ANDY
R STAR


DON'T GIVE ME THAT INNOCENT CRAP! IF YOU COULD BE THE STAR OF THIS PLACE YOU'D DAMN SURE DO IT! I WANT YOU UNDER MY THUMB HERE, GIRLIE, AND IN MY ACT! SO I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOU. AND IF YOU'RE GOOD...
...I'LL TREAT YOU NICE... UMMMMM!
GET AWAY FROM ME YOU FEMALE FAG!
YOU REFUSE MY ADVANCES, HUH? YOU SORRY LITTLE TURD! YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT BY LOSING THAT SULTRY PAINTED FACE! SCRATCH HER UP, ANTONY! GET HER!!!
BUT BEFORE THE CAT CAN STRIKE... A REACTION IN FEAR GRIPS PANTHA...
...AND ALTERS HER LITHE FEMININE BODY...
...INTO A MURDEROUS KILLER PANTHER!
NO! NO! ANTONY! STOP HER!
AAIIEEE!!
GNADDARRRR!


WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON IN--? OH GOD.!
ERRR
AARRR
THAT DAMNED LEOPARD.! I TOLD HER NOT TO USE THAT DAMNED LEOPARD.! SHOOT IT BEFORE IT CAN HURT ANYONE ELSE...! PANTHA.! WAIT.! COME BACK.! ITS ALRI--! OAMMIT.!
JESUS.! THIS CAN'T GO ON.! I'VE GOT TO GO SOMEWHERE... SIT DOWN... THINK.
JERRY'S!
HIS PLACE IS ALWAYS OPEN TO ME! JERRY'LL HELP ME!
IS IS JERRY HERE.?
YEAH, BROADIE... THERE AND LOADED AS USUAL. SEE YA 'ROUND.
SNIFF. YEAHHH, JERRY'S HERE.
GLAD YOU CAME OVER WHEN YOU DID. THIS NEW BATCH OF OPIUM I SCORED WON'T LAST LONG. YOU LIKE IT.? IT'LL REALLY MAKE YOU DREAM PRETTY.
YEAHHHH.
THE SOOTHING, MIND-DULLING EFFECTS OF THE OPIUM BEGIN TO DRIFT PANTHA'S THOUGHTS FROM HER TROUBLES...
I LOVE YOU, BABY.
I LOVE YOU TOO, DADDY. I LOVE YOU...I LOVE YOU!
...TO MORE GENTLE DREAMS. DREAMS OF REMEMBERING...


...DREAMS OF FALSE REALITY!
I LOVE YOU, BABY!
AHHH! GET AWAY FROM ME!
HEY! WE WAS JUS' GETTIN' GOIN'!
SUDDENLY, THERE IS SOMEONE ELSE. A MAN. HE BURSTS IN AND GRABS JERRY.
SHE SAID GET AWAY!
COOL IT, YOU MOTHER!
YOU VOMIT LICKING JERK! TRY CURSING THROUGH THESE BROKEN TEETH!
CRUNCH!
HERE, LITTLE GIRL. LET'S GET YOU OUTTA THIS PUKE HOLE. I WAS LOOKING FOR MY OWN DAUGHTER, BUT YOU'LL DO INSTEAD.
YOU AIN'T TAKIN' HER, POPS!
I'M GONNA FOLD YOUR FACE AROUND MY KNUCKLES!
GET OUTTA THE WAY, PUNK!
HEY, THAT OLD DUDE'S BEATIN' ON JERRY!
LET'S GET IM!
SORRY TO HIT AND RUN, BUT WE GOTTA GO!
LIKE A GUARDIAN ANGEL, THE MAN GRABS PANTHA... AND SOON THEY'RE ON THE STREETS AND SAFETY!
IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING, THE NAME'S JACK KIMBLE!
WELL, I SURE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, JACK KIMBLE. GOD, I'M STILL STONED I... I'M SORRY YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR DAUGHTER. BUT I'M GLAD YOU FOUND ME.
LUIG!
WELL, TERRY'S BEEN GONE, RUN AWAY, FOR FIVE MONTHS WONDER IF I'LL EVER FIND HER. BUT I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU TOO.

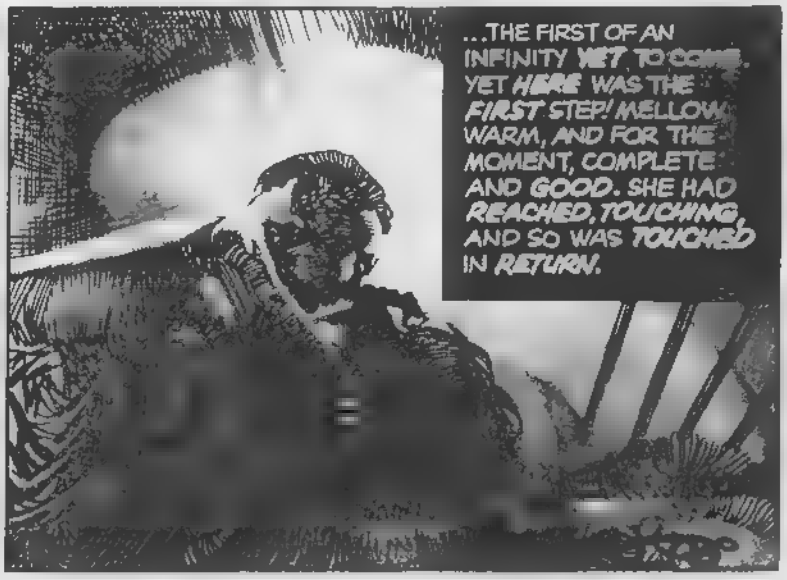

I KNEW YOU WEREN'T ONE OF THOSE PUTRID SLIMES WHEN I SAW YOU. THEN WHEN THAT CRUD CRAWLED ON YOU, I HAD TO GET HIM OFF AND YOU OUT. WHY WERE YOU IN THAT HOLE?
FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF AND ALL MY TROUBLES, YOU GO TO A BAR AND CRY ON THE BARTENDER'S SHOULDER, I GO THERE, AND GET STONED!
THEN YOU KEEP LOUSY COMPANY
ONLY WHEN I GET TO FEELING SORRY FOR POOR OL' ME.
WELL, I DON'T HAVE A HANDY BARTENDER ON ME, BUT WE COULD CRY ON EACH OTHER'S SHOULDER IN A NICE LITTLE PLACE I KNOW. COFFEE AND A B.L.T. SOUND GOOD?
MISTER, I GOTTA SAY, YOU'VE GOT AN ALTOGETHER NEW PITCH TO GET CHICKS INTO YOUR APARTMENT.
BUT IT WORKS, EH? BESIDES, I'M SORT OF CUDDLY IN A PAUNCHY MID-FORTISH WAY, AREN'T I?
YOU TALK A GOOD B.L.T. BUT YOU GOTTA PROVE IT.
WELL, I CONFESS. I CAN'T COOK. I ONLY LURED YOU HERE TO FORCE YOU TO MAKE ME A BACON, LETTUCE AND TOMATO SANDWICH. ITS A FETISH.
AND MAKE IT WITH ONION TOO
ONION? I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE SEX ON YOUR MIND.
SO, WHEN MY WIFE FILED FOR DIVORCE, TERRY BLAMED ME AND RAN AWAY. HER MOTHER DOESN'T EVEN KNOW. OR CARE, I SUSPECT. I'VE BEEN INVADING CRASH PADS SEARCHING EVER SINCE. NOW YOUR TURN
WHAT MAKES A GIRL NAMED, PANTHA, OF ALL THINGS, END UP IN AN OPIUM DEN?
FRANKLY, I TURN INTO A BIG BLACK CAT AND MURDER PEOPLE. I DON'T KNOW WHY OR HOW, AND ITS GIVING ME A BAD REPUTATION.


YEAH, I IMAGINE THAT COULD LOSE FRIENDS AND DISSUADE PEOPLE!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YOU?
AS LONG AS I'VE LIVED IN THIS TOWN, I COULD BUY ABOUT ANYTHING.
ITS THIS CITY. WHATEVER YOUR PROBLEMS ARE, BIG OR SMALL, NEW YORK ALWAYS SEEMS TO MAKE THEM WORSE.
THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF HOLES PEOPLE DIG FOR THEMSELVES. ONE IS A GRAVE. THE OTHER IS THAT RUT THEY GET INTO. MEASUREMENT IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THE TWO. GET OUTTA NEW YORK. BEFORE IT GETS YOU.
IT DIDN'T GET YOU, KIMBLE.
IT GOT MY WIFE! IT GOT MY DAUGHTER! I'M JUST TOUGH! ITS HAVING TO FIGHT TO GET ME. BUT IT WILL! IT WILL.
I WON'T LET IT GET YOU. WE'LL PROTECT EACH OTHER.
I'M TOO OLD. I'M TOO MARRIED. I'M TOO EVERYTHING YOU DON'T NEED.
KIMBLE... COME TO ME.
EVERYTHING I NEED... COME TO ME.
PANTHA... NO. NOT THIS WAY. LIKE YOU TOLD ME, YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOUR PARENTS...! YOU'VE JUST FOUND ME, A FATHER! LET ME BE A FATHER TO YOU.





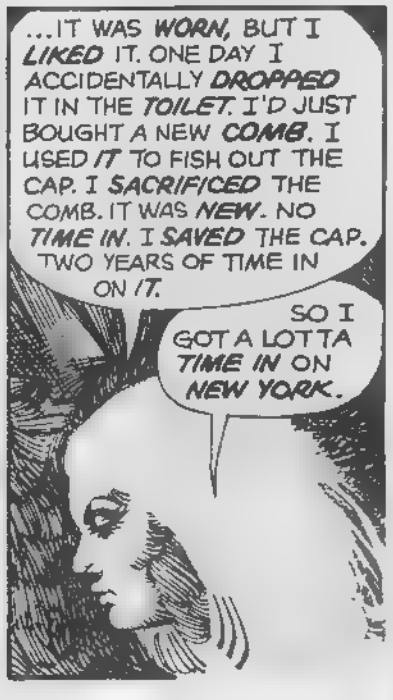




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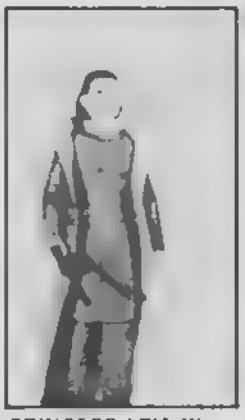



I'D LEAVE, I GUESS, IN A MINUTE! START ALL OVER AGAIN SOMEWHERE ELSE, IF I HAD PROVOCATION. JUST ONE MORE LOUSY THING IS ALL I NEED TO HAPPEN TO ME...
...JUST ONE MORE THING WOULD BE THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK.
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE WHATEVER COULD HAPPEN TO YOU LIVING HERE! BURGLARY, RAPE!
MARVA
JUST ONE MORE STRAW IS ALL YOU NEED, HUH?
ONE MORE.
THEN I'D BETTER KISS YOU GOODBYE NOW.
WHY?
IN THIS ROTTEN PLACE THERE'S A NEW STRAW ON EVERY WIND! SOMETHING'LL HAPPEN! THEN YOU'LL GO.
IF I DO GO, YOU CAN FIND ME IN THAT LITTLE TOWN YOU TOLD ME ABOUT. I'LL GO THERE. THANKS FOR BEING YOU! I--!
...LOVE YOU, TOO! G'NIGHT. SEE YOU SOON.
THE WIND CARRIES FATE'S FINAL STRAWS...
HI, MISTER UPTOWN! WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN!
WOP!
...AND THEY FIND YOU WITHOUT WARNING...!
WE KIND OF CHARGE A HEAVY TOLL FOR DATING OUR LOCAL BROADS! COST YOU SIX BILLS AND A CRACKED SKULL.
YET EACH FINAL STRAW IS NEVER THE LAST ONE!
BEEN WAITING FOR MY CHANCE TO GET NEXT TO THAT BIG OL' PUSSYCAT MAMA A LONG TIME. ITS MY TURN WITH HER NEXT, HONKY.
I'M OUT HERE, MAMA... OUT HERE JUST WAITING... JUST WAITING!
...LY DESTINY KNOWS WHAT TRIALS TOMORROW'S STRAWS MAY BRING!

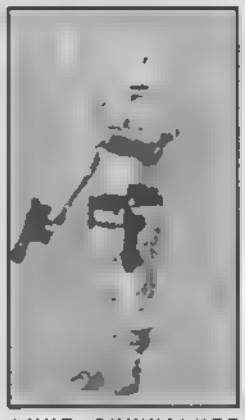
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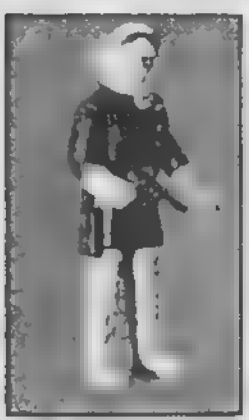
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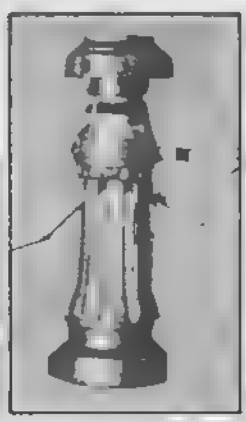
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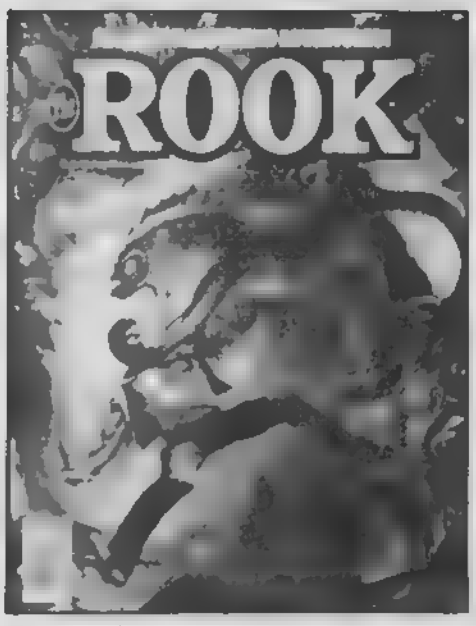
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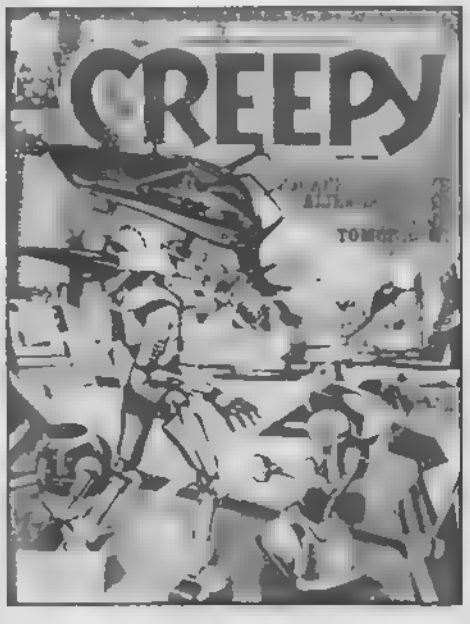
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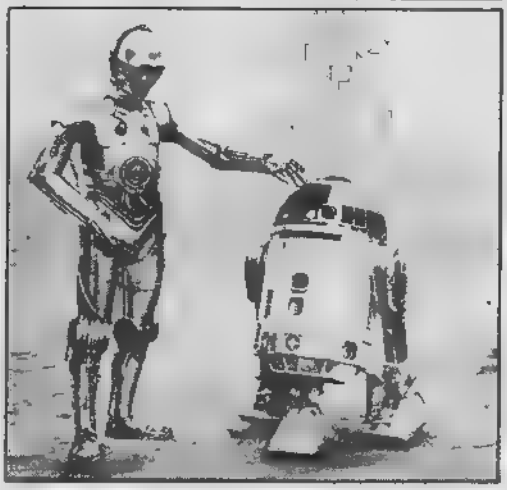


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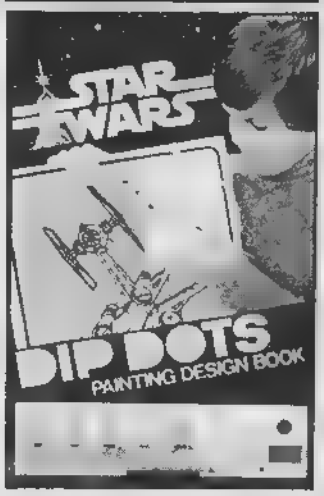
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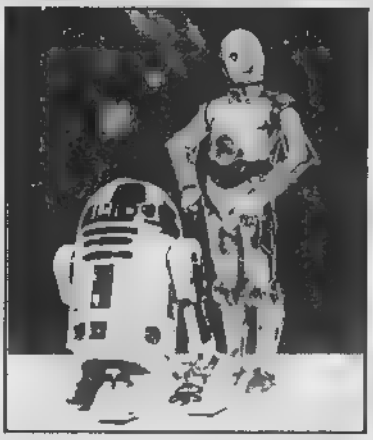
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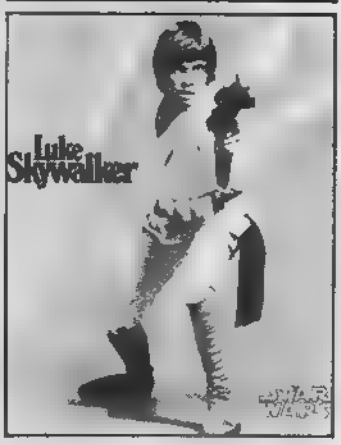
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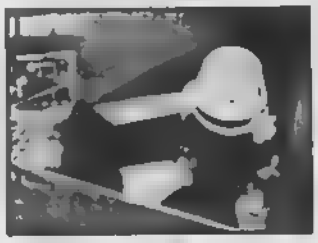


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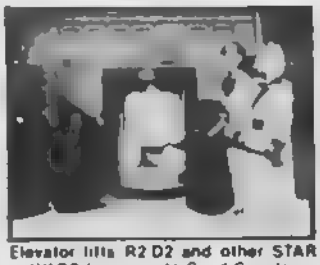
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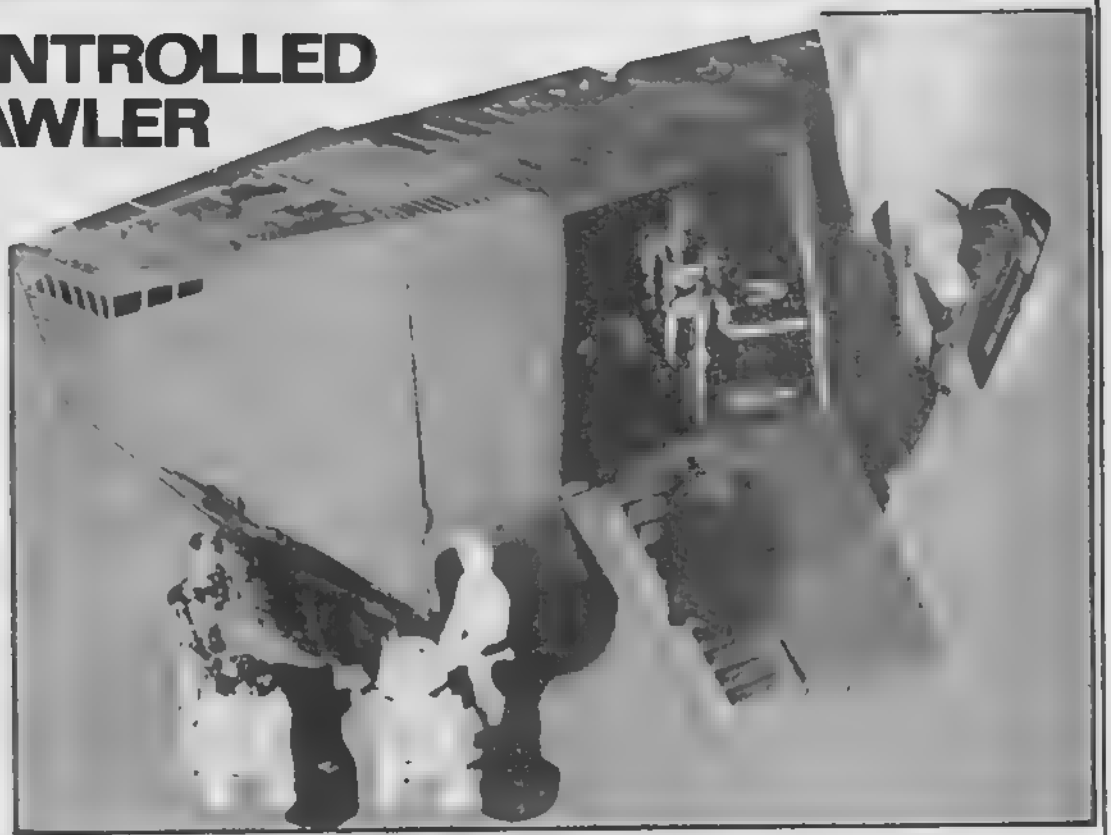
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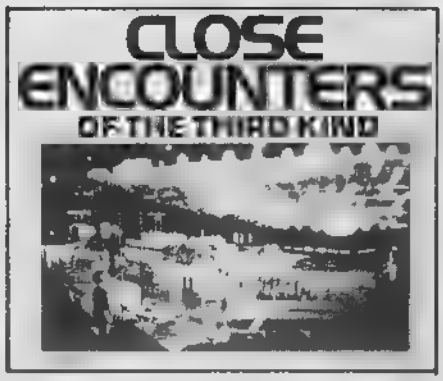
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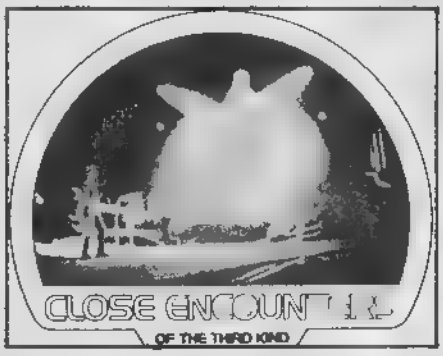
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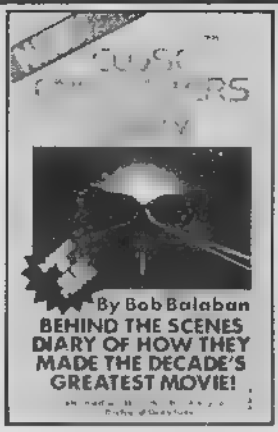
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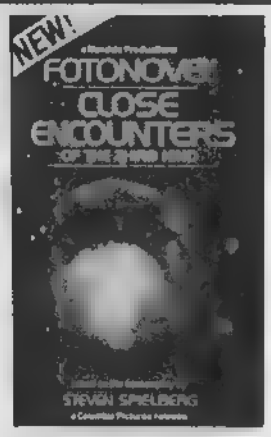
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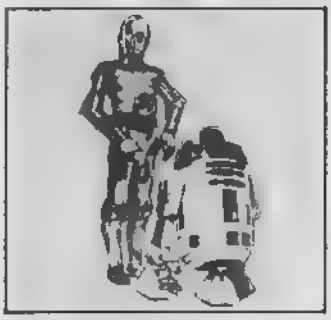
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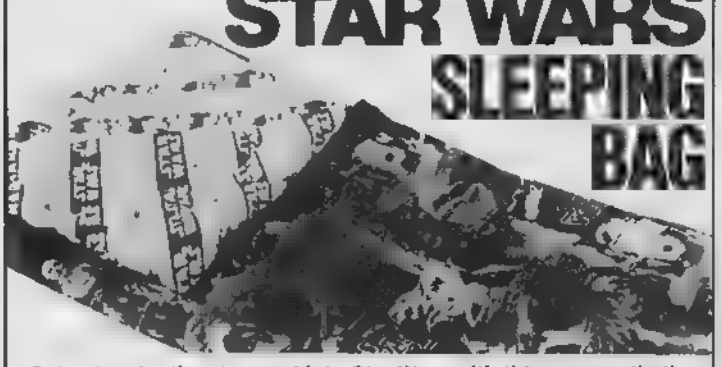


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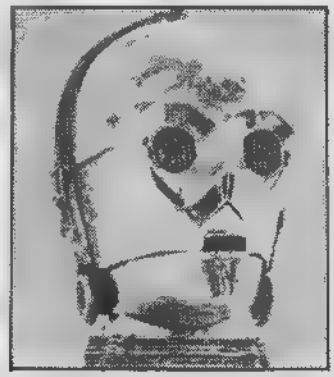
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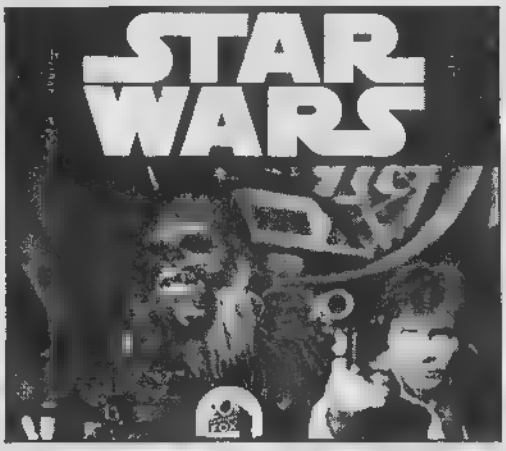


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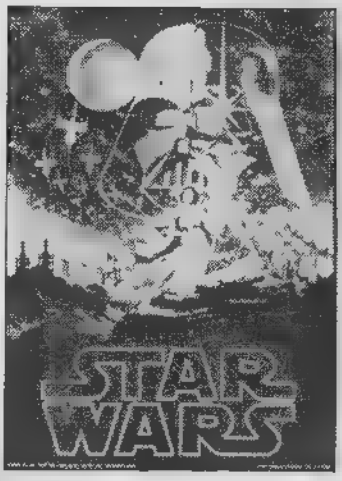
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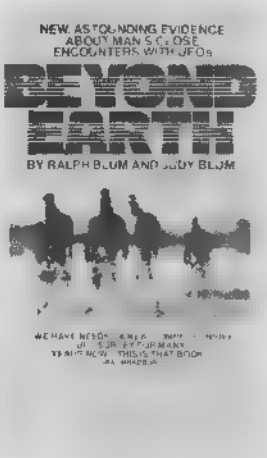




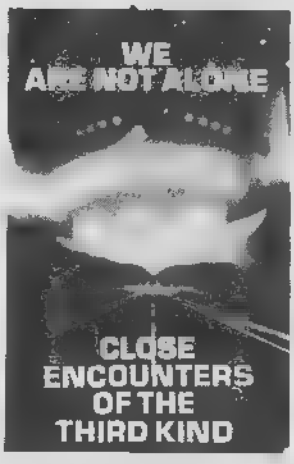
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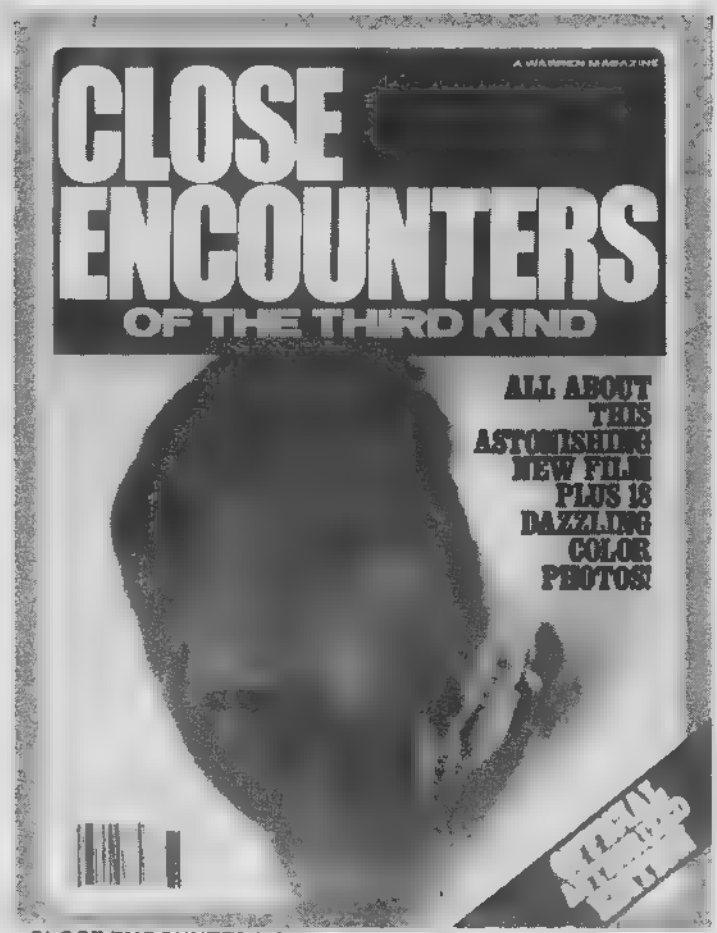
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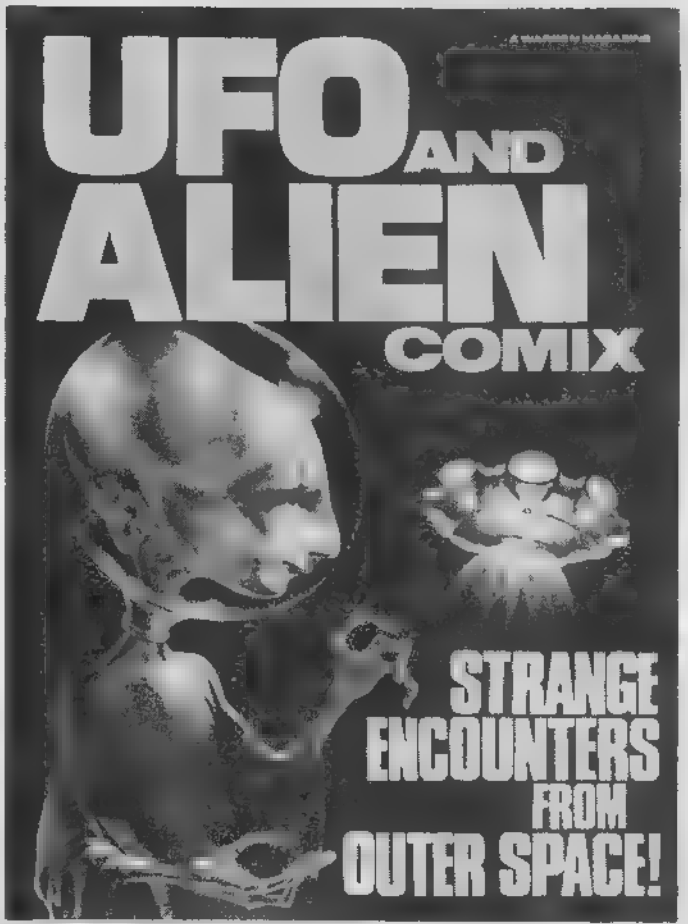
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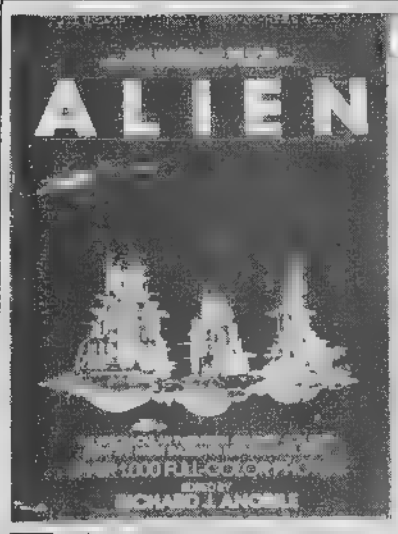
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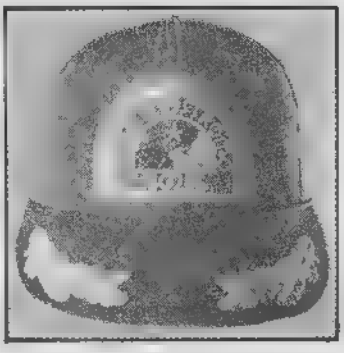
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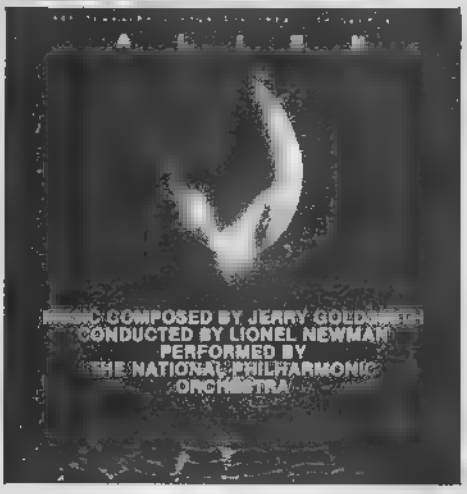
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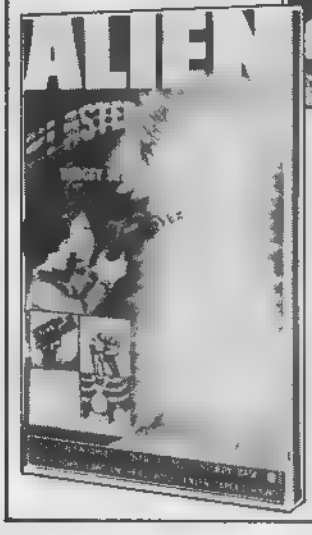


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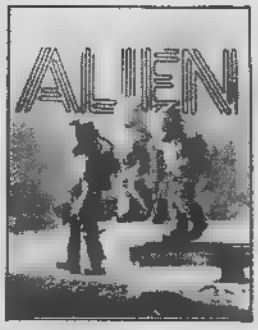
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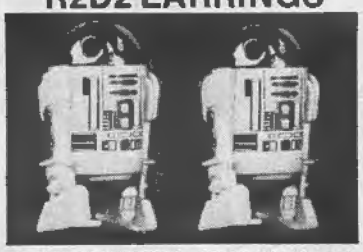
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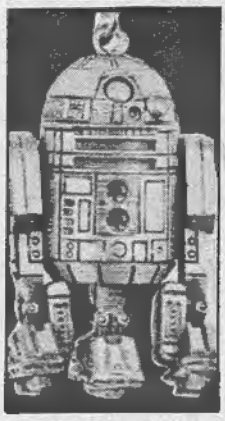
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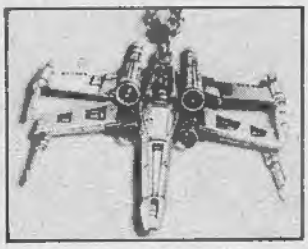


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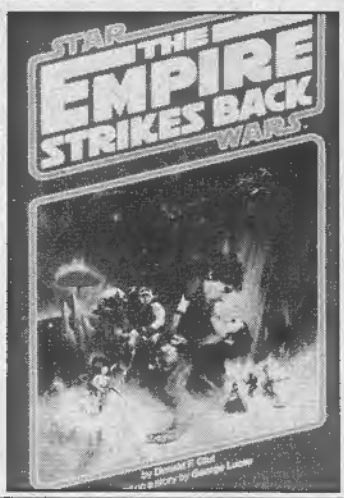
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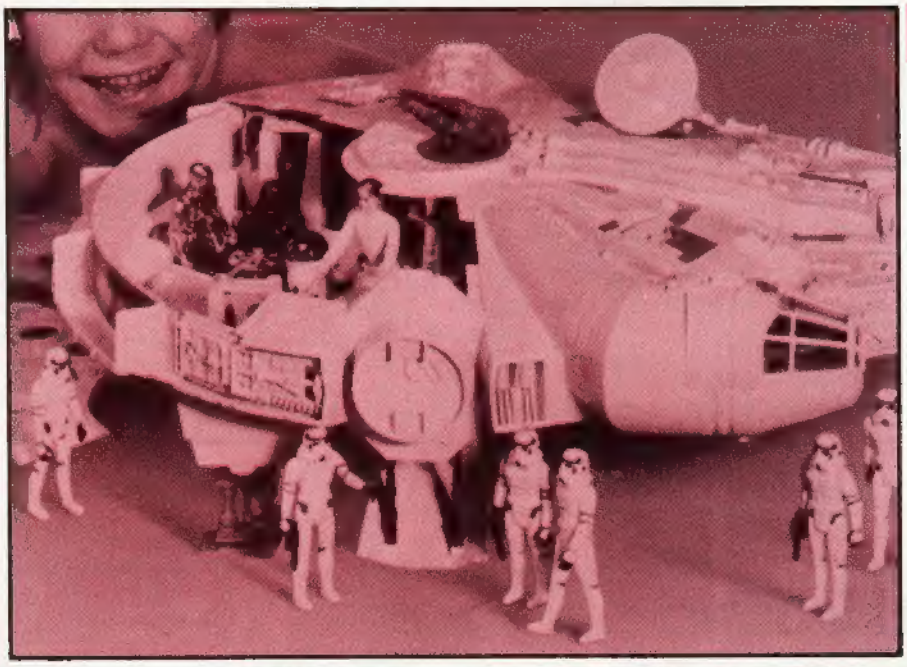


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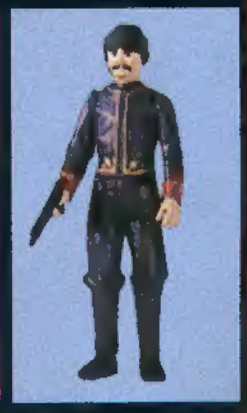
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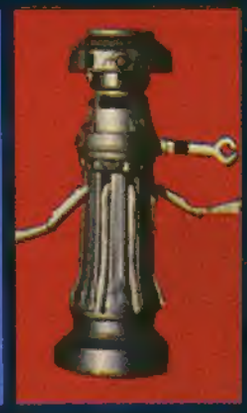
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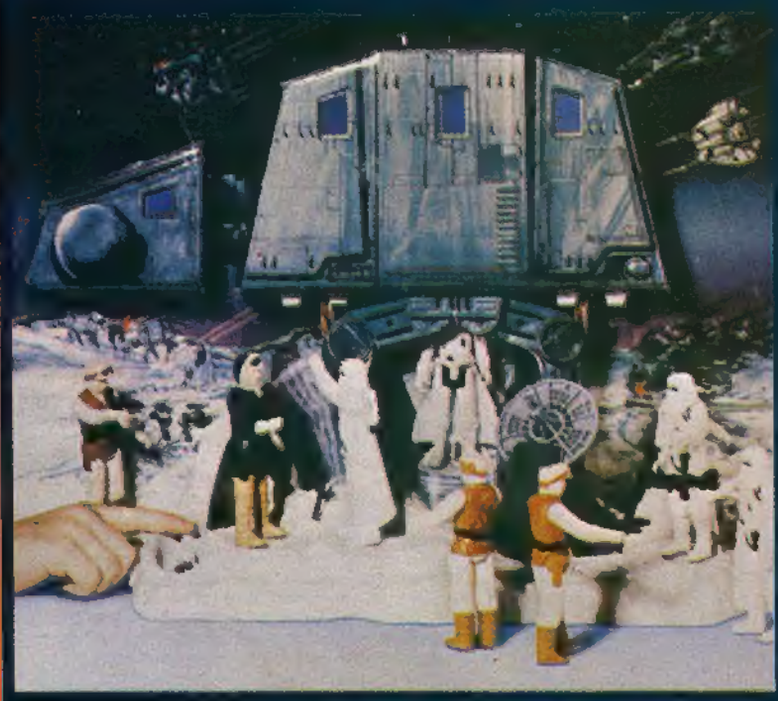
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